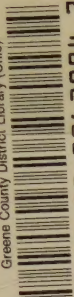


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CHAPTER LIX.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

WELLSBORO—DELMAR AND CHARLESTON TOWNSHIPS.

BENJAMIN WISTAR MORRIS, the founder of Wellsboro, was born in the City of Philadelphia, in August, 1762, a son of Samuel Morris, a prominent merchant of that city. He was a member of the Society of Friends, then very numerous in Philadelphia. When the project of founding an English colony on Pine creek was started, he became a member of the company and the owner of a large body of land. Having met with financial reverses in his native city, through becoming security for a friend, he turned over his available property in Philadelphia to his creditors, reserving only the tract of wild land in Tioga township, Lycoming county, a part of which is now the site of Wellsboro, and smarting under the disgrace, as he regarded it, resolved to bury himself in the wilderness of the Pine creek region and try to retrieve his fortune. He was then past middle life, but he brought with him his wife, Mary (Wells) Morris, born in Philadelphia, September 16, 1761; one unmarried daughter, Rebecca, and his son, Samuel W., and settled in the wilderness in 1799, soon after building a log cabin on the site of W. D. Van Horn's residence. It was dreary and lonely, after the life they had been used to, but they resolutely braved the trials and tribulations which fell to their lot and succeeded in founding a new home. In July, 1810, his daughter, Rebecca, married William Cox Ellis, of Muncy. Mr. Ellis was a representative man of Lycoming county, a member of the bar, and served in the legislature and in Congress. Mr. Morris held several offices of trust at an early day, among them postmaster of Wellsboro nearly ten years, and was prominent in the pioneer life of the community. His wife died in Wellsboro, which was named in her honor, November 6, 1819; he survived her until April 24, 1825, and died at his home in the same village. They are buried in the northeastern part of Wellsboro Cemetery, where plain marble slabs mark their graves.

SAMUEL WELLS MORRIS was born in Philadelphia, September 1, 1786, and came with his parents to what is now Tioga county in 1799. He was educated at Princeton College, and subsequently became one of the leading, progressive and distinguished citizens of northern Pennsylvania. He was the first treasurer of the county, serving from 1808 to 1809, and the first postmaster of Wellsboro, which office he filled from January 1, 1808, to December 31, 1812, and was succeeded by his father. In 1811 he was elected a county commissioner, which office he resigned to go upon the bench. In July, 1812, he was appointed an associate judge, and sat upon the bench with Judge Gibson at the opening of the first court in Wellsboro, in January, 1813. He was then twenty-six years old, and it is doubtful if a younger man ever served in that capacity in Pennsylvania. He filled the office until January, 1833. In 1832 he was elected to the legislature, in which body he

served four years, and was a member of Congress from 1837 to 1841. In 1807 Mr. Morris married Miss Anna Ellis, daughter of William Ellis, of Muncy, Lycoming county, and sister of William Cox Ellis, who married his sister, Rebecca. Their children were as follows: William E., a civil engineer, who died in Philadelphia, in September, 1875; Mary Wells, who married Hon. James Lowrey; Sarah Ellis, who married Dr. Joseph P. Morris; Susan Marriott, who married Hon. John W. Guernsey; Benjamin Wistar, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Oregon; Rachel Wells, a resident of Portland, Oregon; Ellen, who married Judge Henry Booth, of Chicago; Charles Ellis, who died in 1887; Anna E., widow of George R. Barker, of Germantown, and mother of William Morris Barker, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Olympia, Washington; Louisa, who died in Philadelphia, in August, 1864, and Samuel Wells, a resident of Madison, New Jersey.

Judge Morris was a man of great activity and enterprise. At an early day he built a grist and saw-mill on his property near Stokesdale Junction, which proved a great convenience to the pioneers. At that time the place was known as "the Marsh," and is referred to by that name in the early records. His mill dam in more modern years has been designated as the "Beaver Dam," but it was built by him for supplying his mills with water power. It was afterwards torn away by a party of indignant settlers who believed that the stagnant water was the cause of fever and ague. Judge Morris was foremost in every improvement which he thought would advance the interests of the country. He was a strong advocate for making the Tioga river navigable, and he succeeded in organizing the Tioga Navigation Company, of which he was the first president. The last public enterprise in which he was engaged was the construction of the Tioga railroad, to which he devoted ten of the best years of his life, laboring incessantly from the incorporation of the company in 1826 until he resigned on account of his election to Congress. "For the accomplishment of this undertaking," remarks a local writer, "and the development of the coal lands at Blossburg, he obtained the services of Richard C. Taylor, an eminent English engineer and geologist, who not only made a survey of the river for the navigation company and afterward for the railroad company, but also made a geological survey and examination of the minerals of the Blossburg coal region. Taylor's geological report was published chiefly at the expense of Judge Morris. It was a work much sought after, but has long since been out of print and hard to obtain." There was no local enterprise which had for its object the advancement of the public welfare that did not have the earnest and substantial support of Judge Morris. He was one of the founders of the Wellsboro Academy, the first president of the board of trustees, to which he was elected again and again, serving as president, treasurer, etc., and remaining a firm friend of that institution up to the time of his death. He died at his home in Wellsboro, May 25, 1847, in the sixty-first year of his age. His wife, born near Muncy, Lycoming county, May 7, 1791, died at Germantown, January 26, 1858. Both are buried in the Wellsboro Cemetery, adjoining the graves of his parents.

JOHN NORRIS, whose name occurs frequently in the early records of Tioga county, was born in England in 1768, and was educated at Oxford University. He came to this country towards the close of the Eighteenth century, and early in 1799 removed from Philadelphia, as the agent of Benjamin Wistar Morris, to the

headwaters of the first fork of Pine creek, near the site of the present village of Texas, Lycoming county. Here he soon afterwards built a rude grist and saw-mill, which became known as "Morris' Mills." A year or two later Norris leased a building which had been erected by Philip Moore, and opened a school, which was taught by himself and wife, and pupils were received from as far away as Jersey Shore and the settlements along the river. As an educational enterprise it was considered wonderful for the time and attracted wide attention. When Benjamin Wistar Morris became interested in founding Wellsboro, he seems to have secured the assistance of Norris in the furtherance of his scheme, and the latter soon afterwards abandoned his school and settled at the Big Marsh, from which he subsequently moved to the vicinity of the village, where he remained the balance of his days.

According to a deed on record at Williamsport (Deed Book F, p. 97) an insight is had of the causes which led to Norris' removal, and the part he afterwards bore in promoting the interests of Morris and the Pine Creek Land Company. This deed which bears date of April 23, 1804, conveys a tract of 200 acres of land from Benjamin Wistar Morris to John Norris, and recites that:

In consideration of the services to be done and performed by the said John Norris in promoting and advancing the settlement and improvement of the lands held by the said Morris and others on and adjacent to Pine Creek, he, the said B. W. Morris, conveyed in fee simple to the said John Norris, clear of all incumbrance, all that tract of land, &c. And the said Norris having fully complied with his part of the said agreement to this time and given satisfactory assurance to the said B. W. Morris, expedient and conducive to the interest and advancement of the settlement aforesaid, to convey at this time to the said John Norris the premises aforesaid, and in consideration of one dollar doth convey all that tract situated in Lycoming county, beginning at corner of General Brodhead's, at a sugar maple, containing about 200 acres, adjoined on south by lands reserved for Morris' Mills."

In the same Deed Book F, page 100, is another deed by Morris conveying a tract of 100 acres, in consideration of \$400, to John Norris, called the "Marsh Tract." From the foregoing we see why Norris became interested with the founder of Wellsboro. And as a land agent he proved himself active, vigilant and trustworthy, and became one of the leading men of his time in the settlement.

When Tioga county was organized for judicial purposes, he was appointed the first prothonotary and register and recorder, and served until 1818. He also appears to have had some knowledge of surveying—probably acquired in connection with his land agency—for he served as county surveyor from 1814 to 1827, a period of thirteen years. And when Wellsboro was made a borough, in 1830, he was honored by being elected the first burgess. It should also be mentioned that he was a charter member when the act incorporating the Academy was passed, and was elected a trustee several times afterwards. By virtue of his position and social relations, John Norris was recognized as one of the leading citizens of Wellsboro, and was greatly esteemed and respected by the people.

Mr. Norris and his wife, Beulah (Jackson) Norris, had no issue. He left a will in which he made ample provision for his wife, giving her all his household furniture, books, maps and papers—also the rents and proceeds of his real estate, together with certain mortgages. To Lucy Kelsey, whose maiden name was Moore, he gave \$500, to be paid after the death of his wife; to Elizabeth Niles, then under the charge of Mrs. John Dickinson, \$500; to Mary P. Dickinson, who lived in his

family when she was single and served as his secretary, \$400; to Deborah Ann Archer, \$400; to his brother-in-law, Mordecai M. Jackson and wife, \$450. The remainder of his estate he divided among the sons and daughters of William Bache. John Norris Bache was constituted his sole executor and trustee; and it was provided that in the event of his death before the business was settled up, his brother, William Bache, was to succeed him. The latter lived for years in the Norris family, but was never legally adopted. The will was dated at "Dickinson's Mill," September 16, 1848. And here Mr. Norris died, February 10, 1849, aged eighty years, ten months and eleven days. Mrs. Norris also died here, April 12, 1853, aged seventy-five years.

WILLIAM BACHE, SR., was one of the prominent early settlers of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. He was born in Bromsgrove, England, December 22, 1771, and immigrated to America in 1793. For a short time after his arrival he resided in Philadelphia, where he engaged in the business of cutting profiles. He then made a tour of the United States and the West Indies, following the same art. Returning to Philadelphia, he was married there November 28, 1811, to Miss Anna Page, and soon after they made a journey to Wellsboro to visit John Norris, who was an old acquaintance of Mr. Bache. Norris at that time was deeply interested with Benjamin Wistar Morris in founding the town, and as they were offering strong inducements to settlers, Mr. Bache, in 1812, decided to take up his residence there. He immediately purchased town lots, and lands in Delmar, under the easy terms which were offered, and prepared to engage in business. There being no store in the village, he put up a building and became one of the first merchants in Wellsboro. His store and dwelling stood on the southwest side of the present public square. Dealing in mercantile goods was attended with many difficulties at that time. Mr. Bache purchased his goods in Philadelphia, and they were hauled to Wellsboro in wagons overland. Uncle Eben Murry, one of the slaves of William Hill Wells, whom he had manumitted when he (Wells) left the county, was one of the teamsters.

Shrewd, sagacious, industrious and energetic, Mr. Bache prospered as a business man and steadily accumulated property. While doing a kind act in assisting a neighbor to cut a supply of fuel, a tree fell on him, whereby he lost his right arm. Through care he recovered from the accident, learned to write with his left hand, and successfully continued his business. April 10, 1822, he was appointed postmaster of Wellsboro, and held the office for over twenty-three years. He was one of the original trustees mentioned in the act incorporating the Wellsboro Academy, and was a member of the committee selected to prepare a plan for the building, and for many years was identified with, and took an active interest in, the success and prosperity of the institution.

Mr. Bache and wife had six children, three sons and three daughters, viz: William, Laughner, Sarah, who married Judge Robert G. White; John N., Harriet, who married Charles Minor, of Honesdale, and Anna, who became the wife of A. P. Cone. They gave their children the advantages of education, which were liberal for the times, and they became men and women of character and position in life. Mr. Bache died July 9, 1845, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. His wife, who was born at Burlington, New Jersey, November 6, 1783, died December 1, 1856.

WILLIAM BACHE, JR., was born in Wellsboro, October 26, 1812. He received his education in the schools of his native town and learned the profession of land

surveying, in which he became quite proficient. When about the age of twenty-six years he became the agent of several large landed estates, which enabled him to acquire a vast fund of information relating to land surveys. For many years he was engaged as an active surveyor in the field, and as a dealer in farming and timbered lands.

Mr. Bache was first married December 25, 1839, to Mary Elizabeth Nichols, daughter of Archibald Nichols, and sister of the late Judge Nichols. By her he had one daughter, Sarah, who became the wife of Alfred Nichols. His wife, Mary Elizabeth, died January 28, 1845, and in 1849 he married Adeline Robinson, sister of the late Chester and John L. Robinson. Of his two children by the second marriage but one is living, Mary Adeline, widow of William C. Kress. Mr. Bache's second wife died October 11, 1852, and he was subsequently married the third time, to Mrs. Lydia Maria Davison, daughter of Palmer Nichols. She died July 2, 1885. There was no issue by this marriage.

In looking back over his long and busy life, Mr. Bache has the proud satisfaction of realizing that he has ever been an energetic, progressive business man. From the beginning of his career of activity he has filled many minor offices of trust, and has always manifested the most generous liberality in whatever was calculated to develop the resources of his native town and county, and therefore promote their success and prosperity. He was treasurer of the Wellsboro Academy for many years; was borough treasurer; manager of the Lawrenceville and Wellsboro Plank Road Company, and the first president of the First National Bank of Wellsboro. For fully fifty years he has been a vestryman in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, and one of its most liberal supporters. He also took an active part in securing the building of the Lawrenceville and Wellsboro railroad, and all other public enterprises calculated to build up the social and material interests of Wellsboro and the surrounding country. The project to supply the town with the best water that could be secured was originated by him and received his strong financial support. The Willow Hall School project also found in him its most liberal friend; while the substantial Bache Auditorium, erected in 1894, at a cost of \$16,000, is a grand monument to his enterprise and public spirit.

It is also a noteworthy fact that Mr. Bache has continuously resided in Wellsboro since his birth, a period of over eighty-four years, and is the oldest living citizen of the town who was born within its limits. When he first saw the light of day Wellsboro was a mere hamlet composed of rude log dwellings, while Tioga county was a comparative wilderness. His boyhood and early manhood were spent among the stirring scenes of pioneer life, and in his profession he has traversed the hills and valleys of Tioga county many times. Fortune has smiled upon him and rewarded him for his toil and industry, and he is now in the evening of his well spent life enjoying all the comforts which an abundance of this world's goods can procure. He is still quite active for one who has passed the four score milestone, and save some imperfection in his hearing, is in possession of his mental faculties, and enjoys the relation of reminiscences of bygone days. He is a thorough type of the honest, hardy, industrious and intelligent pioneers of Tioga county, and he views with delight the progress that has been made in every department of individual effort since he was a boy.

ISRAEL MERRICK, Jr., was one of the prosperous and progressive pioneers of

Tioga county. Of New England ancestry, he was born in the state of Delaware in 1790, whither his parents, Israel Merrick, Sr., and wife, had removed in search of a home. Not liking the place, and having their attention called to the inducements Morris was holding out for settlers in Wellsboro, they came here about 1805. Israel Merrick, Sr., was a tall, venerable looking man. He was married twice, and died April 30, 1844, aged seventy-eight years. He was buried in Ansonia cemetery. His second wife was a sister-in-law of Justus Dartt, of Charleston township. Israel Merrick, Jr., had three full sisters—Margaret, who married Mordecai Moore; Mary, who married Elmer Bacon, Sr., and Rebecca, who married Daniel Kelsey. Merrick and Charles Moore took their parents to Arkansas over forty years ago, where they died. Charles Moore at one time represented a district of Arkansas in Congress. He died of cholera many years ago. His brother, Merrick Moore, was a quartermaster general in the Confederate service.

Israel Merrick, Jr., was about fifteen years of age when the family came to this county. At that time Wellsboro was mostly dense woods and a part of it a swamp. There was, however, a small clearing of about an acre in the region where John L. Robinson's house was afterwards built. An incident in the life of Mr. Merrick at that early day is worth relating. At one time he was going from the mill at the Marsh to his home in Delmar, where they first settled, driving a yoke of oxen. Getting belated he took refuge in an abandoned corn-crib which stood near where Mr. Robinson afterwards built his house. The only habitation near this was a rude log cabin on the side of the hill where Judge Morris afterwards built a large farm house. Before going into the crib for the night he chained his oxen outside and built a fire. During the night he, as well as the cattle, were very much frightened by the screams of a panther on what is now known as Bache's hill. The fierce animal scented game in the log hut, but the presence of the fire, which was kept brightly burning by the young man, probably deterred it from making the attack. The night thus passed by our young pioneer was a long and dreary one and the "break 'o day" was gladly welcomed. This incident will serve to show the primitive conditions which existed at that time, as well as to illustrate the progress that has been made in less than ninety years.

There were no schools in the county when Israel Merrick, Jr., came here. He had, however, attained the first rudiments of an education before he left his native State; but not content with that, he used to spend long hours after the family had retired for the night in reading and studying, by the light of pine knots, such books as he could obtain. He must have been a very industrious student, for he became a man of much general information, such as is derived from books; was an excellent penman, a keen observer of human action, and was naturally a man of good, sound common sense. He never failed in meeting public expectations in whatever station he was placed. As commissioners' clerk for over nineteen years, he became widely known, and he commanded the respect of all with whom he came in contact. His clerical career commenced in 1828, and extended to 1847, when he was elected a county commissioner, which office he held three years. Mr. Merrick married Julia A. Erway, who was born December 10, 1808. Their children were: Charles, George W., and Ellis; Maria, wife of Deroy Herrington; Mary, wife of William Mathers; Anna, who married Washington Larrison; Sarah, wife of Hon. Mortimer F. Elliott, and Ellen. George W. is a prominent lawyer of Wellsboro, and

a sketch of his life will be found in the chapter devoted to the "Bench and Bar." Mr. Merrick died March 7, 1855, aged sixty-five years, one month and ten days; his wife survived him about thirty-one years, dying March 25, 1886.

MORDECAI M. JACKSON was born at Montgomery Square, near Philadelphia, July 15, 1784. He came with his brother-in-law, John Norris, to the settlement established near the site of Texas, Lycoming county, in 1799, and known as "Morris' Mills," and in 1804 removed with his parents to Wellsboro. They became discouraged and soon returned to the vicinity of Philadelphia. Young Jackson, however, remained here with friends, grew to manhood, and became a prominent citizen of Wellsboro, where he died September 29, 1861. He married Hannah Iddings, and they had issue: Richard, who was among the first male children born in the settlement; James, Mary P., born June 25, 1814. She lived for several years in the family of John Norris and served as his amanuensis. She married John Dickinson, who was for many years one of the early merchants. He died August 25, 1873, aged fifty-eight, but his venerable widow, who has passed her four score years, still survives and is a charming and instructive conversationalist. She can relate many reminiscences of early days and distinctly remembers hearing the wolves howl at night on the hills surrounding Wellsboro. The other daughter, Deborah Ann, born in 1816, married Dr. Archer, of Maryland.

DANIEL KELSEY was one of the early representative men of Delmar township. He was a native of New Hampshire, born September 7, 1777, came to Tioga county in 1807 and settled on the old Kelsey homestead, now in the southern part of Wellsboro. He was four times married. His first wife was a daughter of John Mathers, a pioneer of Delmar. She bore him one son, John, who learned the printer's trade in early life, and then went to Wilkes-Barre and studied law. He next removed to New Orleans, whence he wrote a few letters to friends in Wellsboro, but soon afterwards made a voyage up the Mississippi river and never wrote home again. It was learned, however, that between 1840 and 1850 there was a lawyer named John Kelsey in Moniteau county, Missouri, who then occupied a seat on the bench, and the belief gained ground that he was the lost John Kelsey of Wellsboro. This belief was further strengthened by the fact that he left home under the deep displeasure of his father, intending never to have any further communication with him or the family. In this declaration he exhibited the same unbending spirit that characterized his father. Daniel Kelsey's second wife was Miss Kilburn, a sister of Judge Ira Kilburn, of Lawrenceville. His third wife was Rebecca Merrick, a daughter of Israel Merrick, Sr., whom he married January 2, 1825. She became the mother of six children, as follows: Letetia, wife of John English, of Delmar; Daniel, Benjamin F. and Israel M., all deceased; Robert, a resident of Wellsboro, and Anna R., teacher in a government school at Fort Wrangle, Alaska. Mrs. Kelsey died January 16, 1846, and he married for his fourth wife Dinah Ogden. Mr. Kelsey died April 17, 1863. He was a man of marked individuality and had his own way of doing things. On January 25, 1813, he was appointed a justice of the peace for Delmar township, and held the office nearly thirty years. Many interesting reminiscences of him have been preserved which show the character of the man. He lived on a farm not included within the original borough limits. In course of time he came to be familiarly known as "Squire Kelsey," a title he bore until the close of his life. As early as 1817 he was elected one of the trustees of Wellsboro Academy,

and was re-elected in 1819 and 1820. In 1821, when the number of trustees was reduced one-half, he was dropped from the list, and he was not again elected until 1826. He was twice re-elected, in 1827 and 1828. It is said that he was liberal in his religious views, leaning towards a generous toleration and opposed to bigotry. He was an industrious, thrifty farmer, close and calculating, but just in his dealings. No man ever accused him of dishonesty or of attempting to wrong his fellow-man. He was very decided in his opinions, stern and unbending with his children, and believed that the true way to prepare them for the realities of life was to teach them morality, industry and economy. Another of his peculiarities was that he was a man of one price always. If wheat, corn, oats and potatoes were scarce and the price high, the poor man could buy of him at his own price, a happy medium between high and low. If it was a year of plenty, still he had his own price, and would not reduce it if he had to keep his hay and grain over and feed his potatoes to his stock. In times of high prices it was only the poor and needy who could buy of him. No one could buy for speculation. The home farm is now occupied by the widow of his son, Benjamin F.

ROBERT KELSEY, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Merrick) Kelsey, was born in Wellsboro, June 30, 1834, and was reared to manhood on the old homestead. In June, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, of the "Bucktail" regiment, served twenty months, and was then discharged on account of disability. He participated in the battles of Mechanicsville and Drainsville. In September, 1864, he re-enlisted in the Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, in which he served until the close of the war. Upon his return to Wellsboro he engaged in the hardware business with D. P. and William Roberts, for about a year and a half. He then settled upon a part of the homestead which he owned until 1892, when he sold it and has since been living retired. Mr. Kelsey was married November 13, 1866, to Mary E. Trull, a daughter of Robert and Sarah W. Trull. His wife died March 23, 1879, and on January 6, 1883, he married Mary Nancy Wilcox, a daughter of John H. and Sarah Wilcox. In politics, Mr. Kelsey is a Republican, and served as supervisor of Delmar in 1869. In religion, he inclines to the Adventist belief.

ALPHEUS CHENEY, one of the pioneers of Wellsboro, and the first sheriff of Tioga county, was born at Sturbridge, Massachusetts, April 27, 1769, a son of Joseph and Mercilva Cheney. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1795, and served for a short time in the United States army. In 1803 we find him employed as a book-keeper at Painted Post, New York, but in March, 1804, he removed to what is now Addison, where he was town clerk in 1805. He married Ann Eliza Bartill, and in 1808 sold his interests at Addison and removed to Wellsboro, where he purchased lots, 10, 12 and 18 on the original plot of that town. He was the first hotel-keeper within the village limits, the third county treasurer, and the first sheriff of the county. About 1825 he removed to Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

UNCLE EBEN AND AUNT HETTY MURRY.—In the sketch of William Bache, Sr., reference is made to Eben Murry, as one of the early teamsters who hauled goods from Philadelphia for him. Eben and his wife Hetty were slaves, brought here by William Hill Wells about the beginning of the century. When Mr. Wells and his family gave up the struggle to found a home in the wild region of Delmar, they manumitted their slaves and gave them their cleared land and log cabins as a re-

ward for their faithfulness. Regarding the story of the gift of a home to these faithful colored people, one authority says:

He not only gave them the farm, with suitable farming implements and teams, but also the household furniture, which was very valuable for those times. Tradition says that their white neighbors never rested till the freedmen were dispossessed of everything and they were finally indebted to the kindness of John Norris for the little homes where they ended their days. They were a very superior class of colored people. Aunt Hetty, it was said, was a daughter of an African princess, and Uncle Eben was a born gentleman, most dignified and courteous in appearance and manners.

In the northeast corner of the Wellsboro Cemetery the tombstone of these two remarkable colored people may be seen. It bears these inscriptions: "Eben Murry, died May 6, 1864, aged 96. Hetty, his wife, died July 4, 1868, aged 99. Colored people sixty-four years residents of Delmar and Wellsboro, and highly respected by all."

"Uncle Eben and Aunt Hetty" had six children, two sons and four daughters. The eldest, a daughter, was born May 4, 1804, probably in Delmar, soon after their parents came from Delaware. Of the six only one now survives—"Betty Murry," as she is familiarly called. She was born in Delmar township, in March, 1816, and from her appearance bids fair to live as long as her parents. She was trained as a house servant and cook by Mrs. James Lowrey, and became very proficient. She excels as a caterer and manager at weddings and social parties, and her services are in constant demand by the best classes. Betty was present at the wedding of Dr. Joseph P. Morris to Sarah E., daughter of Judge Samuel W. Morris, in 1836, and officiated in the same capacity at the wedding of their daughter, Catherine, many years afterwards. She is intelligent and ladylike in her manners, and is greatly respected. She cared for her aged parents thirteen years, and when they died she had a marble tablet erected to preserve their names and memories. Although eighty-one years old she does not show her age, and is, apparently, as active and able to pursue her calling as she was forty years ago.

JAMES LOCK, who was born in New Hampshire, May 18, 1790, came to Wellsboro in 1815, attracted there no doubt by the inducements held out to settlers. At that time there were but five frame buildings in the place, the balance being log structures of the most primitive character. Mr. Lock was a silversmith, but he did not long pursue his trade, for there was no demand for his skill in that line. He was a natural mechanic, however, and soon found other business. During the building of the second court house, in 1835, he made the doors and kept the tools of the stone cutters in order. He subsequently established a gun shop, the first of the kind in the village, and manufactured a very excellent rifle. He was a successful hunter and angler. On his eighty-third anniversary, and the sixtieth of his marriage, the citizens of Wellsboro made him a formal call and presented him and his estimable wife with a handsome Bible as a token of respect. Mr. Lock died March 14, 1874, in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

BENJAMIN B. SMITH was one of the pioneers of Wellsboro, Tioga county. He came here from New England in 1819, and taught in the Old Academy several years. We find him appointed a justice of the peace in June, 1822, which office he filled for a long period. In 1827 he founded the *Phoenix*, the second newspaper established in Wellsboro, the history of which is given in a previous chapter. He

continued his connection with the *Phoenix* until 1834, when he sold his interest in the plant. From 1833 to 1836 he filled the office of register and recorder, was a prominent and enterprising man, and always took an active interest in public affairs. Finally engaging in the mercantile business, he became one of the leading merchants of Wellsboro. The firm of B. B. Smith & Son, which existed up to the beginning of the war, is well remembered by the people of the county. Mr. Smith was married in Wellsboro to Margaret Christenot, a native of Switzerland. They reared a family of eight children, named as follows: Ellen, deceased; George Dwight, who was killed in the battle of South Mountain; Frances A., wife of Edward Maynard, of Kansas; Samuel R., who died at Paola, Kansas, June 9, 1896; Henry B., a merchant of Osawatomie, Kansas; Lydia A., wife of Jeremiah Wood, of Tacoma, Washington; Charles B., a resident of Kansas, and Azubah R., deceased wife of Bliss Chapin, of Osawatomie. Mr. Smith spent the remaining years of his life in Wellsboro, dying October 21, 1868, in his seventy-eighth year. His widow removed to Osawatomie, Kansas, where she died some years later. Both are kindly remembered by a large circle of friends.

GEORGE DWIGHT SMITH was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, July 26, 1825, a son of Benjamin B. and Margaret Smith. He obtained a good education, and later joined his father as a member of the firm of B. B. Smith & Son. When the war broke out he became active in support of the government and assisted in raising Company I, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers. He went to the front as first lieutenant of that company, but soon after was appointed assistant adjutant general of the Second Brigade, First Division, Ninth Army Corps. Lieutenant Smith was killed at the battle of South Mountain September 14, 1862, and thus ended the promising career of a gallant soldier and patriot. On February 7, 1855, he married Miss N. Azubah Robinson, daughter of the late John L. Robinson. Mr. Smith was a member of the Presbyterian church of Wellsboro, was an active worker in that body, and was superintendent of the Sunday-school when he went to the front in defense of the flag. He was an upright, progressive and enterprising citizen, and always did his full share towards the social and material development of his native county. His widow is also a member of the Presbyterian church and one of the most liberal contributors towards the erection of the new church building in Wellsboro. She is an ardent supporter of all military society movements that have for their object the welfare of the old soldiers or their families.

THE NICHOLS FAMILY.—Archibald Nichols came to Wellsboro in 1829, from Chenango county, New York, whither his son, Levi I., had preceded him the year previous. Enos, another son, followed them in 1833. The father was a stout, heavy man, while Levi was the reverse. Enos resembled his father very much in general appearance. The mother, Mrs. Betsey Nichols, was a fine looking, well built woman, domestic and home-loving in her tastes and disposition and much respected by her acquaintances. There was one daughter in the family, Mary Elizabeth, who was the youngest. She was born in March, 1816, married William Bache, Jr., and died January 23, 1845. She was the second female school teacher under the common school system. Mr. Nichols and his son Levi bought timber lands on Pine creek when they first came to Wellsboro, and soon after property in the village. They also bought a stock of goods and opened a general store on the east corner of Main and Crafton streets. The building in which their store was kept was burned,

and among other things destroyed was the old Ramage press on which the *Phoenix* newspaper was printed. In those early times it cost something to get goods into Wellsboro. Mr. Nichols used to haul all his goods from Utica by wagon, to which place they had been brought from New York City by steamboat and canal. Of course the percentage above the selling price along the line of the Erie canal was considerable and the people of Wellsboro had to pay a high price for their store goods, although Mr. Nichols' prices were a great improvement on those of his predecessors. Before the building of the Erie canal all mercantile goods were brought in wagons from Philadelphia to Williamsport and then hauled over the mountains to Wellsboro and sold at enormous prices. When the Academy was built, as high as twenty-five cents a pound was paid for nails, and other things in proportion, except lumber.

When Archibald Nichols came to Wellsboro he was only forty-three years old and his son Levi twenty. The father and son were much alike in one respect. They both loved amusement; but in the character of their amusement they differed very materially. The son loved music and was a natural musician, while the father loved the same only as it helped one to keep step in the dance. The son loved the quiet, still hunt in the forest and the gentle tread along the trout streams near Wellsboro. The father had little taste in that direction. In a word, Archibald Nichols was a very genial man, a pleasant companion, and a good member of society. He lived in Wellsboro only about nine years, dying in November, 1838, aged nearly fifty-three. His wife died April 21, 1854, in her sixtieth year.

ENOS NICHOLS, the youngest son, was born May 18, 1814, and died August 12, 1844. He was a very genial, whole-souled young man, full of mirth and frolic, and had he lived until he was fifty-three, as his father did, he would have been his very counterpart. When he died he had a host of friends to mourn his early taking off.

LEVI I. NICHOLS, who was the last of the original stock in the march to the grave, was best known of the family, and was in all respects a most worthy member of society. He was for many years one of the trustees of the Wellsboro Academy, and generally while on the board its secretary. He was also for some time its treasurer. He was on the common school board nearly all the time from its organization, September 17, 1834, until about 1850, acting either as secretary or treasurer most of this period. Mr. Nichols was appointed justice of the peace June 9, 1836. In March, 1850, he was appointed an associate judge and served until November, 1851.

Judge Nichols was married on January 4, 1832, to Sarah J. Brown, daughter of Thomas Brown, of Oxford, Chenango county, New York. She was born at Northumberland, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1814, while her parents were temporarily residing at that place, her father being associated with Theodore Burr, the famous bridge builder of early days, in the erection of bridges in New York and Pennsylvania. At the time of their marriage there was but one carriage in the Wellsboro region, and that was owned by William Eberenz, of Delmar, who kindly loaned it to Mr. Nichols to fetch his bride to Wellsboro. The distance was about 150 miles and it took the young couple several days to make the journey. In 1833 they commenced housekeeping in a modest home erected by Mr. Nichols on the lot now occupied by the residence of Judge Williams. Of thirteen children born to them, seven are living, viz: Mrs. Mary E. Lamb, Mrs. Henry W. Williams, Mrs. B. F. Clayton,

Mrs. Walter Sherwood, Enos G., Chester and Henry. Judge Nichols died in Wellsboro, November 15, 1868, in his fifty-ninth year. His wife survived until May 7, 1896, dying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Sherwood, with whom she had lived for the past ten years. Both were adherents of the Protestant Episcopal church. Mrs. Nichols was a kind, charitable and benevolent woman, one of that noble band of pioneers to whose patience, courage and industry Tioga county largely owes its present prosperity.

JONAH BREWSTER, a son of Nathan Brewster, was born in Connecticut, and located in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1812, where he became quite prominent in political affairs. He was collector of taxes at Bridgewater, and subsequently clerk and commissioner of Susquehanna county, and served four years in the House and four years in the Senate. In 1829 he came to Tioga county and embarked in merchandising at Tioga, which he continued until 1831, when he was appointed prothonotary and register and recorder of the county. Removing to Wellsboro he filled those offices for six years, and was in April, 1840, appointed associate judge, which office he filled two terms. He also served twice as a Democratic presidential elector. In 1838 he purchased a farm in Delmar township, upon which he died in 1858. Judge Brewster was married five times and reared a family of eleven children, only three of whom survive, viz: George A., of Charleston township; Alexander S., of Wellsboro, and Jonas S., a resident of New Orleans.

CHESTER ROBINSON was for over half a century one of the most successful and best known merchants, lumbermen and bankers of northern Pennsylvania. Born in Hartwick, Otsego county, New York, August 14, 1807, a son of Jesse and Abiah Robinson, his youth was passed in his native place, where he assisted his father in operating a tannery. On the 6th of January, 1830, he married Lodoiska Bowen, and in the spring of 1835 came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and entered into partnership with his brother, John L. Robinson, who had purchased the store of Samuel Dickinson the preceding year. With the passing years the firm of C. & J. L. Robinson developed and enlarged the business, and carried on the most extensive mercantile trade in Tioga county up to 1863, when they gave up merchandising to embark in banking. Soon after their settlement in Wellsboro they purchased timber lands on Pine creek and engaged in lumbering. This branch of the business was under the personal supervision of Chester, to whose keen foresight, conservative management and unremitting industry was due much of the success attained. They continued the lumber business until 1862, and the following year abandoned merchandising and began the preliminary steps which resulted in the founding of the First National Bank of Wellsboro in 1864, to the upbuilding of which institution they afterwards devoted their entire attention. The larger part of the stock was taken by the Robinson brothers, who continued to control the bank's policy as long as they lived. They were its guiding spirits, to whose sound judgment, strict financial integrity and watchful care was principally due its success. They were not only life-long business associates, but were also noted for their brotherly affection and loyalty toward each other. This sympathetic relation, of a quality above that usually implied by the fraternal tie, was marked by the strongest proofs of mutual confidence, and continued unbroken throughout the years of close companionship until finally severed by death. About 1880 Chester retired from active participation in business affairs, and devoted the remaining

years of his life to the enjoyment of his home and ample fortune, though he was a daily visitor at the bank until failing health confined him to the house. Surrounded by every comfort that wealth could give, and solaced by the tender care and affection of his children, he passed the autumn of his life in quiet peace and happiness, dying on the 31st of December, 1890, at the ripe age of over eighty-three years.

Mr. Robinson's first wife, Lodoiska, died March 16, 1843, leaving two children, George Chester, and Juliet, the recently deceased widow of the late M. M. Converse, of Wellsboro. The son, George Chester, was born in Hartwick, New York, August 9, 1833, and died at his father's home in Wellsboro, September 21, 1863, while entering on a life of very bright promise. He graduated from Yale College in 1856, where he had given proof of marked ability in composition and oratory. On leaving Yale he studied in the New York Theological Seminary until the spring of 1857, when he became pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Brooklyn. In August, 1858, he married Miss Mary Stevens, daughter of Dr. Abel Stevens, a prominent Methodist divine, and the following spring became pastor of Union Chapel, Cincinnati, Ohio. A year later his health, frail from boyhood, failed, and he went to Europe, where he spent two years in travel and judicious study. Returning to Cincinnati in June, 1862, with apparently restored health, he resumed his pastoral relations, but was soon again prostrated by his old malady, consumption, from which he never recovered. Mr. Robinson was endowed with a mental organization of unusual power and delicacy, and was a fine classical scholar and thoroughly conversant with the best literature of Europe and America.

On the 20th of June, 1848, Chester Robinson married Miss Mary E. Barber, a daughter of Robert Barber, of Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. She was born in Columbia, March 5, 1816, and died in Wellsboro May 14, 1878, leaving one daughter, Mary Barber Robinson, who still occupies the old family home. Mrs. Robinson was noted for her nobility of heart and true Christian character. In early life she united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and was ever after a faithful and helpful member and a liberal supporter of religious and charitable enterprises. A friend to the poor, no one applied to her in vain, and none left her without substantial assistance and encouragement. As a wife and mother she was a noble example of those womanly virtues which won her the love and respect of the community in which her entire married life was passed.

Mr. Robinson was an exceedingly modest man, and never sought or cared for public office, but he always took great interest in the growth and prosperity of Wellsboro. A Republican from the organization of that party, he ever manifested a deep interest in its principles and success, and was quite active in local politics. He possessed a kindly heart, a genial, companionable temperament, and many other estimable qualities as a citizen and neighbor. His venerable head, whitened by the snows of eighty-three winters, was laid low on the last day of the old year. So closed a long and prosperous career, marked by the strictest integrity and highest business honor.

JOHN L. ROBINSON, for nearly sixty years one of the prominent and enterprising citizens of Tioga county, was born at Hartwick, Otsego county, New York, January 6, 1813, a son of Jesse and Abiah Robinson, pioneers of that place. He

obtained a good common school education and early developed those habits of untiring industry upon which his subsequent successful business career was built up to its full fruition. At the age of fourteen he began clerking in one of the leading stores in Otego, New York, which vocation he continued for a few years and then opened a store at Ninevah, New York, where he carried on business up to his majority. Having in the meantime accumulated a small capital, he came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1834, purchased the store of Samuel Dickinson, and embarked in general merchandising. At that time the village contained only about 500 inhabitants, while the surrounding country was very sparsely settled and just emerging from its primitive conditions. In the spring of 1835 his brother, Chester, joined him, and the firm of C. & J. L. Robinson came into existence. They soon began to realize the importance of the lumber interest, and securing timber lands engaged in lumbering. John L. attended to the financial part of the business, while Chester gave his personal supervision to the outside operations. With characteristic energy they continued developing this great industry, in connection with the mercantile business, until they became widely known as one of the most substantial and reliable firms in northern Pennsylvania.

Retiring from the lumber business in 1862, they continued merchandising for a period, but also turned their attention to the establishment and up-building of other enterprises. In May, 1864, John L. became the moving spirit in the organization of the First National Bank of Wellsboro, and his financial solidity and prominence were subsequently recognized by his election as the second president of that institution, a position he filled continuously for twenty-eight years. After the bank was founded he took full charge and acted as cashier for a period, until the business was in proper running order. Under his energetic, careful and judicious guidance the First National grew in strength and popularity and won a high place among the solid financial institutions of the State. Mr. Robinson was a man of commendable public spirit and gave his support to every movement which he believed would advance the general welfare of the community. His conscientious devotion to duty, his sterling integrity, his high standing in business circles and his generous support of the church, won for him the confidence and respect of all classes.

In religion, Mr. Robinson was a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church from its organization up to the time of his death. He was one of the founders and organizers of that congregation, and for more than half a century a vestryman and senior warden. Josiah Emery, in his "Recollections of Early Life in Wellsboro," written in 1879, says: "John L. Robinson was the most efficient citizen in procuring the erection of the first church ever built in Wellsboro, St. Paul's church, now standing. In the building of the church and the building and re-building of the rectory, no man has, I think, paid on the whole as much as Mr. Robinson." In early manhood he was a Democrat, later became a Whig, and on the formation of the Republican party he united with that organization and continued one of its most loyal supporters to the close of his life. He served as treasurer of Tioga county in 1844-45, but he cared little for public office, preferring to devote his energies and talents to the development of his adopted home and thus assist in the social and material prosperity of the county.

Mr. Robinson was married in 1832, to Miss Azubah Bowen, a daughter of

Hezekiah Bowen, of Hartwick, New York, to which union were born seven children, four of whom grew to maturity, as follows: J. Fred, who died April 28, 1885, aged fifty-one years; N. Azubah, widow of Lieut. George Dwight Smith, killed at the battle of South Mountain; Eugene H., who served as cashier of the First National Bank for several years and died September 25, 1876, and Jesse M., president of that institution from January, 1893, up to his death, August 6, 1896. Mrs. Robinson was a zealous Episcopalian from the organization of St. Paul's church, with which she united at that time, and died June 20, 1888. Five years later, on January 11, 1893, her husband died, and was borne to the grave in Wellsboro Cemetery, where a substantial granite monument marks their last resting place.

JESSE MORSE ROBINSON, late president of the First National Bank of Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, was born in that borough May 17, 1853, and died August 6, 1896, having spent his entire life in his native town. He was the youngest son of John L. Robinson, inherited many of the strongest traits in his father's character, and early developed an aptitude for business affairs not often found in so young a man. Educated in the Wellsboro High School, the Wesleyan Seminary and the Bryant and Stratton Business College, of New York City, he began clerking at the age of fifteen in the general store of C. & J. L. Robinson, and later entered a bookstore controlled by the same firm. In 1872 he became book-keeper in the First National Bank of Wellsboro, and after the death of his brother, Eugene H., in September, 1876, he was promoted to the position of cashier. This office he held until the death of his father in January, 1893, when he was elected president of that institution. During the latter years of his father's life much of the responsibility in the general management of the bank devolved upon him, and upon his accession to the office of president he found very few duties with which he was not already familiar. In general business affairs he kept pace with the times, and conducted the business under his charge with more than ordinary breadth and liberality. While recognized as a careful and conservative investor, he never hesitated to follow his own judgment when once formed, and his timely assistance was appreciated by many a business man of Tioga county weighed down by financial troubles. Under the most trying circumstances he was cool and firm and it was seldom that he failed to untangle the most difficult financial matters.

Mr. Robinson was married October 15, 1873, to Ella Crowl, of Wellsboro, who died February 2, 1884, leaving two sons, Eugene H., and Frank C. On April 25, 1887, he was again united in marriage, with Hattie M. Willis, eldest daughter of Mrs. Caroline D. Willis, of Wellsboro, to which union were born two children, Dorothy and Jesse Morse. The widow and four children reside in Wellsboro. Mr. Robinson was a generous man and gave liberally of his means to charitable objects and business enterprises, besides giving his time and services as a director in many business undertakings. Upon the death of his father he came into the possession of a large estate, but this did not change his character. He was still the same plain, kind, modest and unobtrusive man as before. His daily life was pure, his conversation always chaste, and his inherent charity never permitted him to criticise his neighbor. In his home he was the ever kind, indulgent husband and loving father, while even the domestic pets of the family knew and welcomed him as their friend.

In politics, Mr. Robinson was a strong Republican, always took a deep interest

in the success of his party, and served as treasurer of Wellsboro for about ten years preceding his death, and also filled the same office in the school board. He was a stockholder and director in the Wellsboro Water Company and a charter member of Alert Hose Company. He was a prominent member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. societies, and a Knight Templar in Tyagaghton Commandery. In religion, he was a life-long adherent of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church of Wellsboro, and one of the largest contributors to its support, as well as to the building fund of the new church edifice now in course of erection. The vestry of St. Paul's church adopted appropriate resolutions on his death, from which we copy the following tribute:

The death of Mr. Robinson has brought a deep sense of loss to a large circle of friends in Wellsboro and beyond, but especially to the parish to which he belonged and the vestry of which he was the efficient treasurer. We revere his memory for the interest he took in the welfare of the parish; for the careful attention he gave to the duties that devolved upon him as vestryman and treasurer; for his valuable advice and wise counsel; for the courtesy, cordiality and enthusiasm which he brought to bear upon every cause that he espoused, and for the upright character and unsullied name that he bore through life. We shall hold in grateful remembrance the financial aid which he gave to the parish and his bountiful contribution to the new church. We shall look back upon him as a Christian gentleman, an efficient parish officer, a trusted friend and brother, whose death we shall always mourn and whose memory we shall ever hold in affectionate esteem.

JOHN W. BAILEY was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1824, eldest son of Roswell and Julia A. (Rockwell) Bailey, pioneers of this county. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm and his primary education was obtained in the common schools of the district. But sixteen years old when his father died, he succeeded him in charge of the old homestead. In later years he purchased about 600 acres of land and engaged in cattle dealing, probably buying and shipping more stock than any other man in the northern tier during that period. In 1870 he removed to Wellsboro, where he soon became one of the prominent and enterprising citizens. He dealt extensively in agricultural implements and lumber for twenty years, and always gave the most liberal credits to his patrons. Mr. Bailey was a member of the firm that established the tannery at Stokesdale, and was an active agent in the building of the Corning, Cowanesque and Antrim, and the Pine Creek railroads, being a director of the latter company. He was also a director in the United States Glass Company, and one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Wellsboro, in which institution he was an honored and trusted director until his death. Always ready and willing to take a leading part in every public enterprise which he believed would promote the interests of Wellsboro, and ever on the alert to encourage any project that might add to the general welfare of his native county, Mr. Bailey won the admiration, respect and confidence of the whole people. He was eminently adapted to command the co-operation and support of his fellowmen, as he always went into whatever he undertook with earnestness, enthusiasm and confidence, thus inspiring others with his own sentiments. Possessing unbounded public spirit, whole-souled generosity and broad charity, he never turned a deaf ear to the cry of suffering or distress. A warm, consistent friend of the working classes, he was honored and trusted by them to the close of his life. While accumulating a large estate, he

gave liberally to religion, charity and education, and was one of the most generous citizens of Wellsboro throughout his long and active business career. Mr. Bailey wielded a wide influence in the local councils of the Democratic party, and was a stalwart in his fealty to its principles and candidates. He was chairman of the county committee a number of years, represented the county in several state conventions, and was a delegate to the national convention at Chicago in 1892. He served in the borough council several terms, and also filled the offices of burgess and school director, always taking a deep interest in the growth of the public school system.

On Christmas Day, 1843, Mr. Bailey married Margaret L. Lewis, a daughter of Thomas Lewis, of Charleston township. She was born October 17, 1827, and died November 19, 1883, after a happy companionship of nearly forty years. They became the parents of twelve children, ten of whom grew to an adult age, as follows: Eva A., wife of Dr. M. L. Bacon, of Wellsboro; Edward, deceased; Llewellyn L., of Wellsboro; Ada B., deceased wife of Louis Doumaux; Morton S., a resident of Colorado; Lloyd J., of California; Leon O., who lives in Indiana; Lee M., deceased; Fred W., a resident of Denver, and Mildred L. On November 28, 1889, Mr. Bailey married Mrs. Julia McClelland, a daughter of Michael Dunkle, of Jersey Shore, who yet survives. He died July 12, 1892, soon after his return from the Democratic National Convention, and was buried with Masonic honors, as he was a member of Ossea Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M. The whole community sincerely mourned the death of one whose place could not be easily filled—a man whose warm, friendly greeting and substantial assistance brought sunshine into many a weary and discouraged heart. On the day of his funeral the stores and shops in Wellsboro were closed and a large delegation of workingmen marched in the funeral procession as a mark of respect to his memory.

LLEWELLYN L. BAILEY was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, January 30, 1849, a son of John W. Bailey, and grandson of Roswell Bailey. He was educated in the public schools and at Mansfield State Normal, and when seventeen years of age entered a drug store in Blossburg, where he clerked three years. He then came to Wellsboro and worked for his father two years, at the end of which time he established a feed and supply store at Antrim. Two years later he sold out and entered the First National Bank of Wellsboro as book-keeper, which position he filled from 1873 to 1882. In 1880 he was elected a director and served until July, 1896. He was made assistant cashier in 1882 and acted as such until January 1, 1893, when he became cashier, and occupied that position until October, 1894, when he resigned to take charge of the estate of Philip Williams. In January, 1897, he was elected vice-president of the Wellsborough National Bank. Mr. Bailey married Elizabeth C. Hill, a daughter of Rev. H. F. Hill, of Lindley, New York. Seven children blessed this union, named as follows: Mabel E., deceased; Arthur L., book-keeper for Mathers, Graves & Company; Harry F., Margaret L., John W., Edith A. and Catherine E. Mrs. Bailey died June 11, 1888, and he was again married to Carrie J. Hastings, a daughter of E. H. Hastings, of Wellsboro. The family are adherents of the Baptist church, and in politics, Mr. Bailey is a Democrat. He has filled the offices of school director and councilman for two terms each, and is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of his native county.

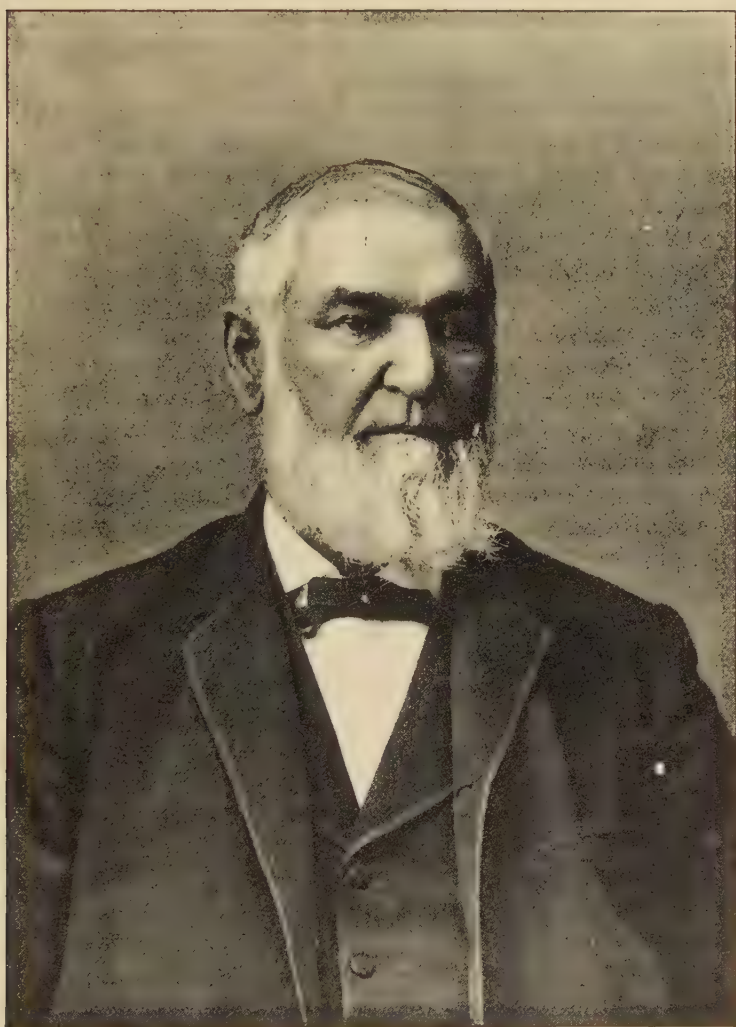
HON. MORTON S. BAILEY was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, July

3, 1855, a son of John W. Bailey, and was reared on the homestead farm. Removing to Wellsboro with his parents in 1870, he attended the Wellsboro High School and later followed teaching for a short period. He graduated at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1880, and soon after went to Colorado, where he began at once the study of law, and was admitted to practice in August, 1882. He soon developed into political prominence and was elected to the State Senate by the Democratic party in a district at that time largely Republican. After serving one session, he was elected in the autumn of 1891, judge of the Eleventh Judicial district and resigned his seat in the Senate to go upon the bench. Judge Bailey was re-elected in 1894, as the candidate of the Democrats and Populists. The Eleventh district had heretofore been Republican, and his election twice in succession was a high tribute to his worth and popularity. Judge Bailey is recognized in his State as a lawyer of solid legal attainments and unquestioned integrity, and he has won a high reputation for the impartiality and fairness of his decisions. In the fall of 1896 he was the Democratic nominee for governor of Colorado, but failed of election.

LEON O. BAILEY was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, June 21, 1857, and was educated in the public schools of Wellsboro and at Cornell University. He later removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he studied law in the office of Baker, Hord & Hendricks, and was admitted to the bar of Marion county at the age of twenty-three. In 1886 he was elected to the State Senate, as a Democrat, and served one term as assistant to the attorney general of Indiana. He was subsequently the Democratic nominee for Congress in that district, and also served as city solicitor of Indianapolis, in which city he still resides.

JULIUS M. BAILEY, second son of Clark W. Bailey, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, March 30, 1835, was educated in the common schools, and has followed agriculture the greater portion of his life. He also operated for a time a saw and grist-mill in his native township. On February 11, 1856, he married Eunice Benedict, a daughter of Marcus and Lucy (Jennings) Benedict, of Charleston township, to which union have been born five children, viz: Ransom W., Alice E., deceased wife of Garrett Campbell; Flora A., who died in infancy; Lucy B., wife of Frank Rockwell, and Lora V., wife of Peter L. Abrams. In January, 1893, Mr. Bailey and his son, Ransom W., purchased their present business in Wellsboro, and in April, 1894, he removed his family to that borough, where he has since carried on the wagon, farm implement and harness business.

RANSOM W. BAILEY, eldest child of Julius M. Bailey, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, October 24, 1857, and obtained his education in the public schools and the State Normal School of Mansfield. He afterwards taught school for two years, and for the following three years worked on his father's farm, and then purchased a farm in Charleston township, upon which he lived seven years. Forming a partnership with his uncle, Clark B. Bailey, he went to Elkland and engaged in the foundry and agricultural implement business, which he followed three years. On January 1, 1893, he and his father purchased their present business in Wellsboro, where they have since been engaged as dealers in wagons, farm implements, harness, etc. Mr. Bailey was married June 23, 1879, to Lena Partridge, a daughter of Chester and Rachel Partridge, of Charleston township, and has four children, viz: Edith M., Eunice, Julius and Catherine. The



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family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Bailey is connected with the Knights of Honor.

ELLIS M. BODINE was born in Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1801, a son of Isaac and Catherine (Casper) Bodine. His father came from New Jersey with the Mannings in the last decade of the Eighteenth century, and settled in Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, where both he and wife died. Ellis M. was the third in a family of seven children. He grew to manhood in his native town, where he attended the public schools in boyhood, and learned the tanner's trade with Abram Lawshe, of that place. In 1827 he married Margaret Shearer, a daughter of James Shearer, an early settler of Lycoming county, and in 1828 came to Wellsboro and purchased the Joseph Fish tannery. He conducted this business until 1846, when he erected a larger building, in which he carried on the business up to 1848, when the plant was burned. He then became a farmer, and followed agriculture until five years before his death, when he sold the farm to his son, Abram L., and retired from active labor. Nine children were born of his marriage with Margaret Shearer, as follows: Sarah E., wife of Dr. H. S. Greeno, of Kansas City, Mo.; Isaac M. and Abram L., residents of Wellsboro; Ellis B., who died at the age of fifty-six; Ellen A., widow of Rev. M. F. DeWitt; Catherine A., wife of John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C.; Lewis T., a resident of Chicago; Robert W., of Wellsboro, and Margaret A., wife of Charles M. Moore, of Williamsport. Mrs. Bodine died February 3, 1845, in her thirty-third year, having been born March 2, 1812. Mr. Bodine was again married, to Aurilla H. Coolidge, a daughter of Amos Coolidge, who bore him two children: Henry F., of Billings, Montana, and Ida, who died at the age of twenty-five years. Mr. Bodine died in Wellsboro, August 14, 1889, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. His widow resides with Abram L. Bodine, of Wellsboro, and is in her eightieth year. Mr. Bodine was active in the cause of education, and the part he took in organizing the first common schools in the borough will be found related in the chapter on the schools of Wellsboro. He was also foremost in promoting the interests of his adopted home, and lived long enough to see it become a thrifty and prosperous town.

ISAAC M. BODINE, a son of Ellis M. and Margaret (Shearer) Bodine, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, February 4, 1830, and was educated in the common schools of the borough. From 1848 to 1850 he clerked in the store of C. & J. L. Robinson, and during the years 1850 and 1851 he traveled through the South. Upon his return to Wellsboro he accepted the position of superintendent of the mines at Blossburg, where he had charge of the company store and also acted as paymaster for eight years. In 1860 he returned to Wellsboro and built the saw-mill on Queen street, now operated by S. A. Hiltbold. The same year he also purchased the farm in the northwestern part of the borough upon which he now lives, and during recent years has devoted his attention to farming. Mr. Bodine was married September 9, 1863, to Mary E. Stowell; a daughter of Hezekiah and Anna Stowell, and has two children, viz: Anna, wife of Clarence E. Shumway, of Corning, and Mayne C., and employe of the Fall Brook Coal Company in the same city. Mrs. Bodine died January 26, 1876, aged thirty-five years. In politics, Mr. Bodine was an old line Whig until the organization of the Republican party, with which he has since affiliated. In religion he is an adherent of the Protestant Episcopal church.

He has served a number of years as deputy sheriff, fifteen years as a justice of the peace, and has filled various borough offices.

ABRAM L. BODINE was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, October 9, 1832, and is the second son of Ellis M. and Margaret Bodine. He attended the public schools of his native town, and when twenty-one years of age began clerking in a general store at Blossburg, where he later engaged in merchandising, which he followed about thirteen years. He was also in the hotel business at Blossburg and Morris for a period. In 1882 he purchased the homestead farm from his father, and two years later sold it and bought his present one in Delmar, now occupied by his son, William T., and finally took up his residence in Wellsboro, where he now lives. Mr. Bodine was married February 3, 1855, to Julia A. Tillotson, a daughter of Napoleon B. Tillotson, of Delaware county, New York, born February 3, 1839. Five children are the fruits of this union, viz: Ada M., William T., Frederick M., Catherine J. and Henry E. Mr. and Mrs. Bodine are members of the Presbyterian church. In politics, he is independent, and is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry.

WILLIAM T. BODINE, eldest son of Abram L. Bodine, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, August 15, 1861, and obtained a public school education. He has devoted his entire attention to farming, and has charge of his father's farm in Delmar. On January 4, 1882, he married Ettie G. Wilkins, a daughter of Alva Wilkins, of Morris, and has three children: Alfred W., Josephine M. and Julia C. Mr. Bodine and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also of the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics, he is a Democrat, and one of the enterprising farmers of Delmar.

FRED. M. BODINE, D. D. S., was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, September 23, 1867, a son of Abram L. Bodine, and grandson of Ellis M. Bodine. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and graduated in dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania in the spring of 1892. He opened an office in Wellsboro, in June, 1892, where he has since devoted his attention to the duties of his profession, and has built up a good practice. Dr. Bodine was married on August 23, 1893, to Adelaide Shaw, a daughter of Rev. A. C. Shaw, of Wellsboro. He is a member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the dental fraternity, Delta Sigma Delta, and Edwin T. Darby Dental Society of Philadelphia, and both he and wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

ERASTUS P. DEANE, a native of Petersham, Massachusetts, born November 26, 1809, was a son of Daniel and Jerusha (Houghton) Deane. His father was born in Petersham, in 1771, a son of Jeremiah Deane, a native of Dedham, Massachusetts, and spent about eighty years of his life on a farm in his native State. He died at the home of his son, Erastus P., in Delmar township, Tioga county, October 10, 1866, aged ninety-five years. Erastus P. was reared on a farm, and received an academic education, devoting particular attention to the acquisition of the knowledge of surveying, a business he followed throughout his whole life. In a letter written to a friend in 1879, Mr. Deane tells how he came to settle in Tioga county. He says:

I came to Wellsboro April 25, 1834, very much broken in health. I left Petersham, Worcester county, Massachusetts, with the design of spending the summer somewhere among the Allegheny hills, and fetched up at Wellsboro. As my health was somewhat

improved, I agreed to take charge of the Academy three months, designing at that time to go south in the early autumn. The three months' engagement having expired, and no teacher having been employed, I agreed to continue the school a month and a half longer. At the expiration of that time—October 12, 1834—I was so much mended up that I went into the woods with my compass, where I have been most of the time since.

He had received a fine education, which not only qualified him for teaching, but surveying also. He purchased a farm in Delmar, and June 29, 1837, he married Mary E. McEwen, a native of Philadelphia, eldest daughter of John McEwen, also of Delmar township. He went to work with a will and cleared a fine farm which he took great pleasure in cultivating, as his tastes ran largely to agriculture. His profession of land surveying led him into all the counties of northern and central Pennsylvania, and he acquired much knowledge regarding the location of surveys. One of his great natural gifts was his wonderfully retentive memory. It was in fact phenomenal, and was of invaluable service to him in his profession. His ability to recall dates and data, and to identify marks and localities in the woods, was remarkable; and then to make it doubly sure, his correctness was found to be so absolutely true, that no doubt was entertained when his statement was heard. Mr. Deane lived on his farm in Delmar until 1874, when he moved his family into Wellsboro, where he resided until his death, September 22, 1881, which was caused by injuries sustained by falling into a railroad culvert at Corning, New York, while on his way to Williamsport to attend court. His wife died April 30, 1879. When he came into the county his health was poor, but constant exercise in the pure mountain air, and on his farm, made him strong and vigorous. He was inclined to be reticent, and was somewhat retiring in his disposition, but he was possessed of extensive knowledge and his character was above reproach. He was appointed county surveyor in 1836 and served three years in that office. Mr. Deane and wife were the parents of the following named children: C. Augusta, wife of Henry Bacon, of Havanna, South Dakota; Darius L., of Wellsboro; Daniel A., deceased; Cecil A., a civil engineer of Denver, Colorado; Luella I., Caroline A., and Mary E., deceased wife of A. S. Cooper, of Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

DAVID STURROCK, one of the early and sturdy citizens of Wellsboro, was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, March 7, 1809. He learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner in his native country. When out of his apprenticeship he married Jane Sands, who was born in Scotland, August 25, 1811. She bore him eight children, as follows: A. G., a carpenter and builder of Wellsboro; Robert W., who enlisted in Company F, Fifth Reserve, was promoted to captain, and was killed at the battle of Gaines' Mills, June 27, 1862, being then in his twenty-sixth year; Margaret, widow of William Roberts, of Wellsboro; Jane, a resident of Port Townsend, Washington; Barbara, wife of Darius L. Deane, of Wellsboro; William D., who enlisted February 24, 1864, in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and who died at David's Island Hospital, New York, August 20, 1864; Mary, deceased wife of W. J. Bowers, of Horseheads, New York, and George A., a resident of Port Townsend, Washington. In 1833 Mr. Sturrock came to America and in 1834 located in Wellsboro. He was recognized as one of the best practical builders of his time, and was respected for his honesty and integrity. Mrs. Sturrock died August 20, 1881, and he survived her until October 31, 1888.

SALMON SHERWOOD was born in Fairfield county, Connecticut, within the limits of the present city of Bridgeport, where his ancestors had lived continuously since 1645. Thomas Sherwood, founder of the family in America, was an Englishman who sailed from Ipswich, England, in 1634, landing at Plymouth the same year, whence he removed to Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1645, where he resided until his death. Salmon was of the sixth generation from Thomas Sherwood. He was a man of fair education, a surveyor, school teacher and farmer, and served in a Virginia regiment, with the rank of lieutenant, under Generals St. Clair and Wayne during the campaigns against the Indian tribes of Ohio. After the campaign of 1793, he was employed by the proprietors of the lands about the Boone settlement in Kentucky as a surveyor. While there he married a Miss Stanley, who was massacred by the Indians. They had one son, Stephen, who escaped. After a residence in Kentucky of some four years, he returned to Connecticut on horseback, bringing his young son, then three years old, with him. On his way from the Susquehanna valley to the lake country in New York, he passed through Tioga county, over the Williamson road. His son, Stephen, was killed or died in the naval service during the War of 1812. Salmon Sherwood was again married in 1797, to Phoebe Burritt, and by this marriage reared a family of nine sons and two daughters. Farming and surveying were his principal occupations. He served several terms in the legislature and Senate of Connecticut, and was a captain in the War of 1812. The wants of a growing family induced him to seek a new country where land was cheaper, and he removed from Connecticut to Chemung (now Schuyler) county, New York, in 1817, where he bought a large tract of new land. He gave his family such advantages as the schools of the period and neighborhood afforded. His eldest son, Burritt, was a graduate of a medical college and practiced his profession in New York City until his death, in 1854, at which time he was surgeon of the ill-fated steamer, *Arctic*, which sunk off Cape Race in the fall of 1854. Dr. Sherwood was detained at home by sickness and died about the same time the vessel was lost. Three of the sons, Charles, Henry and Julius, became lawyers, the last two being well-known residents of Wellsboro, Tioga county, at their death. Charles died at Messina, Sicily, in 1846, where he was then serving as United States Consul. One son, Walter, was educated at West Point Military Academy, and was killed in Florida during the Seminole war. Another son, George, was an engineer and died in New Orleans, from sickness contracted during the Mexican War; while Stanley, Rollin and James were farmers, the first of whom died in Tioga county. Salmon Sherwood died in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1853, aged eighty-four years. His wife, Phoebe, died in Schuyler county, New York, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hinman, in 1872, aged ninety-six years. Four of their sons died in the service of the government, and during the Rebellion every one of their surviving sons and grandsons of military age were in the Union army or represented there. Two of their children still survive, viz: James, of Bradford county, aged eighty-six years, and Mrs. Phoebe Hinman, aged ninety years, who lives in Schuyler county, New York.

WILLIAM HARRISON was one of the pioneer carpenters of Wellsboro, Tioga county, coming here a single man in 1833, where he at once found employment on the stone court house, then in course of erection. He was a native of New

Jersey, and soon after his advent in Wellsboro he married Catherine Meek, a daughter of Leonard and Mary Meek, natives of England, whence the family immigrated to Pennsylvania. Her father was one of the early tailors and merchants of Wellsboro, coming here in 1833, where he conducted business for many years. Mrs. Harrison was born in England, October 10, 1816. She became the mother of seven children, viz: Jefferson, a lawyer, of Wellsboro; Mary, Albert, deceased; Sarah, Leonard, president of the First National Bank of Wellsboro, and William and Catherine, both of whom died in childhood. Mr. Harrison continued the business of carpenter and builder for a number of years, but later purchased a farm in Delmar and lived in that township for quite a long period. Returning to Wellsboro, he spent his declining years in the family home on Main street, now occupied by his widow, where he died January 18, 1885, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Harrison was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church, to which denomination his widow belongs. He was a good neighbor and an honest man, and is kindly remembered by the community among whom the greater portion of his life was passed.

LEONARD HARRISON, president of the First National Bank of Wellsboro, was born in that borough, January 10, 1850, a son of William and Catherine Harrison, and has spent his entire life in his native county. He attended the public schools until the age of fifteen, and then began clerking in the postoffice under Hon. Hugh Young. He subsequently worked with his father at the carpenter business up to 1878, and the following six years was clerk in the commissioners' office. In the meantime he had devoted some attention to lumbering, and in 1883 went into the coal business, with which he was connected over ten years. His principal success, however, has been attained in the lumber business, which he has prosecuted with energy and remarkable judgment for several years, being now recognized as one of the most successful lumbermen in Tioga county. As a tribute to his business and financial prominence and integrity, Mr. Harrison was chosen in August, 1896, president of the First National Bank, to succeed the late Jesse M. Robinson. On July 2, 1882, he married Miss Mary Green, a daughter of Peter and Agnes Green, of Delmar township, to which union have been born three children: Emily, deceased; Kate and George. The family are Presbyterians in religious belief. The handsome new church of that denomination in Wellsboro was erected under the personal supervision of Mr. Harrison, and owes much to his generous liberality and knowledge of the builder's art. He is a member of the board of trustees, and takes a deep interest in the Sabbath-school, as well as in all else pertaining to the church. In politics, he has always been a Republican, and has filled the office of school director nine years, also that of burgess, collector and borough clerk.

ROBERT C. SIMPSON was born in the village of Moffat, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, September 27, 1823. His father was an Englishman and his mother a native of Scotland. In August, 1834, the family came to the United States and settled at Silver Lake, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, Robert being then about eleven years old. At the age of fourteen he began clerking in a general store at Montrose, and he subsequently became a teacher in the Montrose Academy. Here he was married in his twenty-first year, and two years later the young couple came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, where Mr. Simpson found employment as a clerk in the office of the

Bingham estate, which position he filled one year. Returning to Montrose he engaged in merchandising. About 1850 he moved to Towanda, Bradford county, and became teller in the bank of LaPort, Mason & Company, and five years later went to Scranton to accept the cashiership in the bank of Mason, Meylert & Company, which he held three years. He then returned to Wellsboro and became chief clerk in the Bingham office. When William B. Clymer went to Europe, in 1869, Mr. Simpson had charge of the business, and after the death of Mr. Clymer he succeeded him as agent and attorney of the estate. From that time until his death he discharged the duties of this responsible position with characteristic zeal, unflagging industry, sound judgment and strict integrity, winning not only a well-earned competence, but the confidence and esteem of those for whom he acted. He was a proficient accountant and an accurate and methodical business man. Having a great deal of land business to transact, in the matter of titles and conveyances, he was admitted to the bar of Tioga county, *ex gratia*, in 1880, a compliment he highly esteemed. He also took a deep interest in the bar association and was one of its most liberal and useful members. Prior to the Rebellion Mr. Simpson was a Democrat, but at that time he became a Republican. He remained a faithful supporter of the Republican party the balance of his life, and was chairman of the county committee in 1874. In early manhood he was an Odd Fellow, and in later years became a Mason. He was a member of the committee that revised the constitution of the Grand Lodge, at which period he was one of the leading members of the Masonic order in northern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Simpson's hearty and enduring love of Nature, animate and inanimate, was one of the dominant traits of his character. He was a sympathetic friend of birds and animals of every kind, and could not brook the least cruelty to even the humbler members of Nature's family. Such a man was naturally a generous friend of poor, suffering humanity, quick to discern and prompt to relieve distress. He gave without ostentation and as secretly as possible, and any reference to his benefactions was sure to be rebuked. Frank, outspoken, honest and truthful, he could not tolerate any attempt at deception or trickery on the part of others. Mr. Simpson was a well-informed man, a close observer of men and events, and possessed a sound and cultivated taste for good literature. A discriminating buyer of choice books, he accumulated through the passing years a fine library and was thoroughly familiar with its contents. His old home, standing in a dense grove of pines, has been long regarded as one of the landmarks of Wellsboro. Here he passed to eternal rest, April 15, 1893, leaving a widow and three daughters, his only son having died several years before.

COL. ALANSON E. NILES, a son of Nathan Niles, Jr., was born October 5, 1816, and grew to manhood in this county, where his father settled in 1796. He was among the first to respond to his country's call, and was early in the field as captain of Company E, of the "Bucktails." At Drainsville he was severely wounded by being shot through the lungs. After recovering he hastened back to his regiment. At Gaines Hill he was taken prisoner with Companies D and E, and spent forty-nine days in Libby Prison, when they were exchanged. He was promoted to the rank of major, March 1, 1863, and on the fifteenth of May following he was made lieutenant colonel of the regiment. It was while with the "Bucktails"

in their charge on Little Round Top, Gettysburg, that he was wounded in the left thigh. He was afterward transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps and promoted to the rank of colonel. On the night President Lincoln was assassinated, he was in Ford's Theater and heard the pistol shot. Colonel Niles participated in many battles and was recognized as one of the "bravest of the brave." During the Grand Review in Washington he was officer of the day and had full military charge of the city on that memorable occasion. He was commissioned a captain in the regular army and for three years was stationed at Plattsburg, New York, as commandant of the military barracks. In 1869 he was retired on account of disability, by reason of his wounds, with the rank and pay of a captain, and he took up his residence in Wellsboro, where he died October 8, 1891.

GEN. ROBERT CORSON COX is one of the oldest, most respected and best known citizens of Wellsboro. He is a native of Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he was born November 18, 1823, a son of William and Hannah (Corson) Cox, the former a native of Montour county, of Irish ancestry, and the latter of Lycoming county, of German-Quaker stock. His parents removed to Delmar township, Tioga county, when Robert C. was about two months old, where they lived some twelve years and then returned to their former home in Lycoming county. In April, 1841, the family again came to this county and settled near the site of Liberty borough. Here the mother died in May, 1842, and the father in February, 1856. Robert C. was in his eighteenth year when his parents located in Liberty township, and had spent his boyhood assisting them on the farm, attending the common schools during the winter seasons and enduring the trials and hardships of those early days. On April 7, 1846, he married Lydia Ann Wheeland, a daughter of George and Mary K. Wheeland, of Liberty, whose ancestors were pioneers of Loyalsock township, Lycoming county, whence her parents removed to Liberty township, Tioga county, in 1827. Three children blessed this union, as follows: Henry C., cashier of the First National Bank of Wellsboro; Mary E., deceased wife of Jacob K. Richards, and Carrie M., deceased wife of Alfred P. Dartt. After his marriage Mr. Cox took charge of the homestead farm, on which his father had paid \$500, but on account of a defective title our subject was compelled to repurchase the property. Here he lived, clearing the land and tilling the soil, until 1854, when he sold the farm and embarked in merchandising and lumbering at Liberty, which business he followed until entering the army in 1862. In the meantime he had served six years as orderly sergeant of a volunteer cavalry company, and was brigade inspector of militia, with the rank of major, from 1854 up to the first year of the war.

On the breaking out of the Rebellion he at once took an active and prominent part in raising troops to defend the flag, some of which were not accepted, Pennsylvania's quota being full. But in August, 1862, he went to Harrisburg with the drafted men from Tioga county, and on the organization of the One Hundred and Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers he was elected major of the regiment, his commission dating November 18, 1862. This regiment served about one year, principally on garrison duty in North Carolina, and was mustered out at Harrisburg in August, 1863. In the summer of 1864 General Cox was authorized by Adjutant General Russell to raise a regiment, and the result of his efforts in that direction was the gallant Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, of which command he was commissioned colonel September 28, 1864. The regiment participated

in the closing scenes of the war, including Hatcher's Run, Fort Steadman, the assault on and capture of Petersburg, and the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. In March, 1865, while in front of Petersburg, the regiment presented General Cox with a horse and complete outfit, valued at \$550, as a token of their appreciation of his soldierly qualities and the warm place he had in their affections. Its brave and efficient commander was brevetted brigadier general April 9, 1865, participated with his regiment in the grand review at Washington, D. C., was mustered out with his command at Alexandria, Virginia, May 31, 1865, and was discharged at Harrisburg on June 5, following. Returning to his home at Liberty, General Cox resumed the peaceful pursuits of merchandising and lumbering, and again became a plain American citizen.

In politics, General Cox was originally a Whig, casting his first vote for Henry Clay for president, and has been a consistent Republican since the organization of that party. He served as a justice of the peace in Liberty from 1862 to 1867, and was postmaster of that borough from April, 1869, until the autumn of the same year, when he was elected treasurer of Tioga county, which office he filled one term. While still treasurer he was elected prothonotary and clerk of the court, November 13, 1872, and was re-elected six successive terms, serving in that office a period of twenty-one consecutive years. He has been a permanent resident of Wellsboro since the fall of 1872, and is widely known in northern Pennsylvania.

General Cox and wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church for nearly half a century, and have lived to celebrate the golden anniversary of their marriage. Few men are more favorably known in this section of the State than this old veteran, whose unsullied integrity and clean military and official record have endeared him to the people of Tioga county. At his last election as prothonotary he received 9,302 votes, or fifty-eight more than the combined vote cast for Pattison and Delamater, and during the closing year of that term he was frequently urged by many leading men in different parts of the county to again be a candidate for the office which he had filled so long and faithfully, but he firmly declined and retired to private life. Here in the happy companionship of his affectionate wife, his faithful helpmate through both sunshine and shadow, he is spending the sunset of a successful and honorable career in the enjoyment of the esteem and confidence of the entire community.

HON. HUGH YOUNG, the veteran bank examiner, has had a long and varied public career as correspondent, editor, legislator, bank examiner and president of the Wellsborough National Bank. He is a native of Killyleagh, County Down, Ireland, born on the 14th of December, 1832, a twin brother of the late Thomas L. Young, ex-governor of Ohio. Their parentage, on both sides of the parental tree, were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, the Youngs and the Kennedys having emigrated from Ayrshire, Scotland, to Ulster, Ireland, in the Seventeenth century. When the twins were together, even in manhood, it was impossible for a stranger to distinguish them apart, so closely did they resemble each other.

Hugh immigrated to this country in 1850, and lived with his brother, the late Robert Kennedy Young, a prosperous farmer of Potter county, who sent him to the Coudersport Academy. Here we find him as clerk in a store for a year, and for three years afterwards as a law student with the late Hon. John S. Mann, supporting himself by teaching and surveying. Not having much fancy for the practice of

the law he never asked for admission to the bar, but turned his attention to journalism, writing his first letters to the *New York Herald* in 1855, describing the Norwegian colony on Kettle creek, the grand opening celebration at Oleona, and Ole Bull's castle, topics which attracted much attention at that time.

In 1856 Mr. Young went with the congressional investigating committee to Kansas, of which Hon. John Sherman was chairman, as correspondent of the *New York Tribune*, and was an eye witness of many of the guerrilla fights between the Free State forces under John Brown and Gen. Jim Lane, and the Border Ruffians under Stringfellow, Richardson and others; and his letters signed "Potter" were quoted by every newspaper and every orator either in denunciation or approval during the heated presidential campaign of that year.

In April, 1856, George W. Brown, the editor of the *Herald of Freedom*, at Lawrence, the first Republican newspaper published in the territory of Kansas, was arrested for treason, with four others, and confined at Leecompton. At Brown's request Mr. Young took charge of the paper as associate editor and continued its publication until it was destroyed by a mob, May 21, and continued as associate editor for a year after the paper was re-established. His health failing through malaria, Mr. Young returned to his old home in Pennsylvania, and became book-keeper in the office of the Bingham estate at Coudersport, where he remained until December, 1858, when he purchased the *Agitator* at Wellsboro. During the war for the Union Mr. Young made his newspaper a household necessity in nearly every Tioga county family, by engaging a correspondent in every regiment and in nearly every company in which Tioga county soldiers were enlisted.

In 1862 he sold the *Agitator* to its founder, M. H. Cobb, and went into business as a bookseller and insurance agent. In 1876 he was elected to the legislature, but resigned in May, 1877, to accept the office of national bank examiner. He was removed for political reasons in February, 1888, and in the fall of that year he founded the Wellsborough National Bank. In 1889 he was a candidate for comptroller of the currency, but failed to get the appointment. In November, 1891, he was called into the public service again as special bank examiner, and by unanimous petition of the bankers of Pittsburg he was assigned for duty in that city by the comptroller of the currency.

Mr. Young has always taken a lively interest in the social, moral, industrial, civic, and literary life of the people of the borough in which he has resided for so many years. He has been honored by his fellow citizens in being chosen to many local positions of responsibility and trust.

In politics Mr. Young has always been a Republican, and cast his first vote (1854) for Gov. James Pollock, who appointed him on his military staff as an aide-de-camp with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was a delegate from the territory of Kansas to the first Republican National Convention at Philadelphia in 1856, which nominated General Fremont, and he was also a delegate from the Sixteenth Congressional district of Pennsylvania to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, in 1888, which nominated Harrison and Reid. In 1861 he was appointed postmaster at Wellsboro and served five years, and in 1862 he was appointed consul to Santa Cruz, which honor he declined.

Although slightly lame by reason of an accident in early youth, Mr. Young volunteered as an Emergency Man in 1863, when Lee's forces invaded the State,

and was accepted as a private in Company F, Thirty-fifth Volunteer Militia; was sworn into the United States service; was promoted to the staff as first lieutenant and quartermaster, and served until the regiment was mustered out.

In 1884, on motion of Hon. M. F. Elliott, Mr. Young was admitted to the bar of Tioga county, *ex gratia*, on the unanimous petition of the members as a mark of their esteem. Mr. Young was married September 22, 1859, to Lois Ann, second daughter of A. H. Butterworth, of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, and they have three sons, Robert Kennedy, Hugh Carlisle, and Thomas Lowry. Mrs. Young is a niece of the late Hon. David Wilmot, of Towanda, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD G. SCHIEFFELIN, superintendent of the Stokesdale tannery, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1836, and is a son of Dr. Jacob Schieffelin, a pioneer settler and lumberman of that township, and later a resident of Tioga borough. He was educated in the public schools and at Alfred Academy, Allegany county, New York, and at the age of twenty began merchandising in Tioga, as a member of the firm of Baldwin, Lowell & Company, continuing from December, 1856, to March, 1861. In September, 1861, he raised Company H, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served as its captain until after the battle of South Mountain, when he was promoted to major for meritorious service. He also participated in the battles of James Island, Antietam and Fredericksburg, besides numerous skirmishes. Owing to ill health, he resigned January 10, 1863, and returned home. When Lee invaded Pennsylvania he went out as lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-fifth Regiment, Emergency Men, and served six weeks. He was subsequently appointed a deputy provost marshal for Tioga county, which office he filled until the close of the war. After his return to Tioga he engaged in the lumber business, but soon went to New York, where he filled the position of salesman in a wholesale dry-goods house for three years. In 1871 he became a member of the firm of Bailey, Lowell & Company, his partners being John W. Bailey, F. K. Wright and O. B. Lowell, founders of the Stokesdale tannery, Mr. Wright and himself being the managers. In 1880 Bailey and Wright sold out to William H. Humphrey, and the firm became Schieffelin & Company. In October, 1883, the Wellsboro Leather Company (Limited) was organized, with a capital of \$200,000, and the plant and grounds became its property. In May, 1893, the control was transferred to the Union Tanning Company, in which Mr. Schieffelin is a stockholder and director. He has filled the position of superintendent since 1891, and is the only one of the original founders now connected with the enterprise. On April 8, 1878, Mr. Schieffelin married Barbara Duttonhaffer, of Wellsboro, who died in July of the same year. On June 15, 1881, he married Elizabeth M. Schmitt, of Elmira. To this union was born one son, George Girard, June 3, 1884. The mother died July 15, 1884. He was married to his present wife October 17, 1894. She was a Miss Mary Sommerville, and is the mother of one daughter, Mary S., born in October, 1895. Mr. Schieffelin is a thorough business man and possesses high executive ability. His successful career has been due to close attention to business details and an accurate knowledge of all the minutiae of the enterprise with which his name has been so closely associated for more than a quarter of a century. In politics, he has been a life-long Republican; was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1884, and is recognized as a man of marked influence in the party councils of this congressional district.

HENRY JACKSON LANDRUS was born in Blossburg, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1839, a son of Washington and Lucinda (Granger) Landrus, and was reared in his native town. He attended the public schools of Blossburg in boyhood, and began his business career by assisting his father in supplying prop timber for the mines in the vicinity of his home. At the age of sixteen we find him engaged in clerking and weighing coal at the Morris Run mines, thus assisting his parents in the support of a large family. Here he was married to Mary E. Evans, a daughter of John Evans, of Blossburg, June 16, 1862. Believing that his country needed his services, he enlisted August 30, 1862, in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and leaving his young wife went to the front in defense of the flag. On April 3, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant-major and served with his regiment until May 5, 1864, when he was shot through the right arm at the battle of the Wilderness and captured by the rebels. For about nine months he suffered all the horrors of imprisonment at Andersonville, and was then exchanged and rejoined his regiment, with which he served until honorably discharged May 31, 1865. Returning to Blossburg he resumed the duties of civil life. His executive ability and sound business judgment finally attracted the attention of F. N. Drake, then the leading spirit in the development of the mines at Arnot, who in March, 1868, appointed Mr. Landrus book-keeper and paymaster for the Blossburg Coal Company at that place, and in 1872 general superintendent, which position he filled until May 1, 1876, when he resigned. In 1879 he was elected on the Republican ticket sheriff of Tioga county, but in 1881 he virtually resigned the office and again assumed the responsibilities of general manager at Arnot. When the Arnot mines became the property of the Erie Railway Company, Mr. Landrus resigned the superintendency and engaged in the lumber business, as a member of the firm of Drake, Landrus & Drake, with which he was connected up to his death. He removed from Arnot to Antrim in the spring of 1885, and in 1891 took up his residence in Wellsboro, where he died October 16, 1896, leaving a widow and nine children to mourn his loss. His children are as follows: Mary, wife of Frank H. Dartt; Flora, wife of W. L. Beverson; John L., Harry J., George, Nellie, Lou, Bessie and Paul.

Mr. Landrus was a prominent factor in the development of his native county, and his busy, successful career is a bright example to his fellowmen. A respected and honored citizen, he enjoyed the confidence of the whole community, as exemplified by the many positions of trust and responsibility which he so creditably filled at different periods in his life. In January, 1893, he was chosen president of the Wellsborough National Bank and served in that capacity up to December, 1895, when he resigned. He was quite prominent in the councils of the Republican party and was a delegate from this district to the National Convention at St. Louis, which nominated McKinley and Hobart as the Republican standard bearers. In politics, as well as in business, he was plain, outspoken and fearless, yet charitable and always tolerant of the opinions of others. As a son, he watched over the declining years of his aged parents with the greatest solicitude, and as a husband and father he was kind, loving and generous. His unostentatious charity, genial manner and warm-hearted friendship won him the respect of the community. He was a member of the school board and board of health of Wellsboro, and secretary of the board of

trustees of Cottage State Hospital, all of which passed warm resolutions at his death, extolling his high character and clean record as a public official and private citizen.

ANTON HARDT, general superintendent of the Fall Brook Coal Company, was born in Vienna, Austria, March 27, 1839, a son of Anton and Elizabeth (Jacobi) Hardt. He was educated in his native city; graduated from the I. R. Polytechnic Institute, of Vienna, and the I. R. School of Mines, at Leoben, Styria, and in 1860 was appointed by the Austrian government assistant teacher in the latter institution, where he remained two years. He then resigned to accept the more practical position of mining engineer at the coal mines of Prevali, Carinthia. In 1863 he accepted the position of mining engineer and superintendent at the extensive coal mines of Sagor, Carniola. This he resigned in June, 1865, and in September of that year he came to the United States and found employment as a civil engineer on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, with headquarters at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he remained up to 1867. He then resigned to take charge of the survey of the Wellsboro and Lawrenceville railroad, and on the death of Mr. Brewer he was made mining engineer at Fall Brook, Tioga county, also serving as chief engineer of the Wellsboro and Lawrenceville railroad up to 1873. On January 1, 1873, Mr. Hardt was appointed superintendent of the mines at Fall Brook and Antrim, and in the fall of 1875 he was elected chief engineer of the Syracuse, Geneva and Corning railroad, which was completed under his supervision in November, 1877. In January, 1882, he was elected chief engineer of the Jersey Shore, Pine creek and Buffalo railroad, now the Pine creek railroad, but at his own request he was released from railroad work in March, 1890. Mr. Hardt is a stockholder and director in the Pine Creek Railroad Company; a director in the Tioga Improvement Company, and a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. He has written and published numerous articles on geology and civil engineering in German and American journals, among them in the *Scientific American*, and the *Railroad Gazette*. Mr. Hardt was married December 2, 1866, to Miss Alvina Koch, a daughter of Augustus Koch, a well-remembered business man of South Williamsport. Six children blessed this union, viz: Alice W., deceased; Minnie E.; Edmond A., a clerk in the office of the Fall Brook Coal Company, at Antrim; Charles W., a student at the Pennsylvania State College; Annie B., and Albert F. Mrs. Hardt died September 3, 1890, aged forty-eight years. On May 22, 1894, he married for his second wife, in St. Peter's church, Augusta, Maine, Mrs. Florence Augusta Thurber, daughter of David Turk, of Addison, New York. She is the mother of two children, William H. and Emma Lilian, the former a telegraph operator at Wellsboro and the latter a musician of promise. Mr. Hardt is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and has been an active worker in the Wellsboro organization. He has been a member of the school board since 1887; president of the board of education for three years; is secretary of the board of health, and also a director in the First National Bank of Wellsboro. Mr. Hardt is one of the prominent and substantial citizens of Tioga county, a gentleman of broad, progressive and liberal ideas, and is held in high esteem by the community in which he has lived for more than a quarter of a century.

JOHN R. BOWEN was born in Owego, Tioga county, New York, December 15, 1818, a son of James and Jane (Westfall) Bowen. His father was a native of New England, but was reared in Warren township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where the family settled before 1800. James Bowen married Jane Westfall, who became the mother of nine children. He followed the sea for a number of years, but later

became a farmer and lumberman, and died in Owego, New York, in August, 1847. His widow died in 1885, aged eighty-nine years. When John R. was five months old his parents removed to Warren township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, his father's former home, and when he was nineteen they returned to Owego, New York. In 1851 he came to Cedar Run, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he embarked in merchandising and lumbering. In 1853 Mr. Bowen located in Wellsboro, but for thirteen years afterward retained his interest in the store at Cedar Run. After coming to Wellsboro he opened a store on the site of the Wellsborough National Bank, where he carried on business for sixteen years. He then built what is known as the Jacobson block, in which he continued business for a number of years. In 1869 he became a member of the lumber firm of Truman & Bowen, proprietors of the old Bodine mill on Queen street, which they operated for about twenty years. For several years past he has lived retired from active business. Mr. Bowen was married October 16, 1849, to Maria Ann Howland, a daughter of Marsena and Elizabeth (Holt) Howland. She was born in Sheffield, Massachusetts, December 19, 1824. Two children are the fruits of this union, viz: James M., a resident of Wellsboro, and George W., of Rochester, New York. Mrs. Bowen's father died in Berkshire, New York, in 1844, aged fifty years, and her mother at Cedar Run in 1856, aged sixty. In politics, Mr. Bowen was first a Whig, but became a Republican upon the formation of that party. In 1869 he was appointed assessor of internal revenue for the Eighteenth district, which position he held four years. He was then appointed collector of internal revenue, but not desiring the office he resigned in favor of John Burrows. In 1876 he was a Blaine delegate to the National Republican Convention at Cincinnati. He was elected county treasurer in 1880, and served three years. He filled the offices of deputy sheriff and constable in Tioga county, New York; also assistant burgess, member of council and tax collector in Wellsboro. Mr. Bowen was one of the original stockholders of the First National Bank of Wellsboro, and for seventeen years a member of the board of directors. In religion he is a Presbyterian, and for thirty-four years he has been a member of the Masonic order.

CHARLES G. OSGOOD, a son of Hon. John and Olive (Grosvenor) Osgood, was born in Cincinnati, Cortland county, New York, March 22, 1820, and is descended from John Osgood, a native of Hampshire, England, who settled in Andover, Massachusetts, about 1638. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in his native State, and there received a common school education. In 1840 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located at Tiadaghton, on Pine creek, where he engaged in lumbering three or four years. In 1845 he removed to Wellsboro, and the following year purchased the mercantile stock of Henry Graves. For more than forty years he carried on merchandising successfully, finally retiring from active business in 1890, in which year he sold out the stock. Mr. Osgood was married May 23, 1861, to Mary Josephine Todd, a native of North Haven, Connecticut, born February 6, 1833. She is a daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Clinton) Todd. Her father was born in North Haven, Connecticut, in 1794, and was descended from Christopher Todd and Grace Middlebrook, who were among the original settlers of New Haven colony in 1638. He was married in 1816 to Elizabeth Clinton, and moved to Newark Valley, New York, in 1834, where he was interested in the tanning business for some years, later purchased a farm and followed agriculture up to the time of his death. To Charles G. and Mary J. Osgood have been born three children, viz:

Harry Winthrop, who is connected with the United Press office, in New York City; Mary Helen, wife of Dr. C. W. Webb, of Wellsboro, and Charles Grosvenor, a graduate of Yale College. Mr. Osgood united with the Presbyterian church of Wellsboro in 1856, and has filled the office of elder in that body since 1857. He has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years, and mainly through his efforts and financial assistance the Presbyterian Sunday-school library has developed into its present proportions. Mrs. Osgood has taken an active interest in church work, and for twenty-seven years has been organist and chorister of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Osgood is a Republican in politics; has been Burgess of Wellsboro twice, and is one of the substantial citizens of the county.

WILLIAM ROBERTS, son of William and Betsey (Pratt) Roberts, was born at Canton, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1826. His father was a son of Nathan Roberts, and a native of Connecticut, born in January, 1796. In 1799 the family came to Canton, Pennsylvania, where William Roberts, Sr., grew to manhood and married Betsey Pratt. To this union were born sixteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Mehitabel, wife of David R. Cole; Hannah, wife of Edward McClellan; Julius, deceased; William, who died in Wellsboro; Lyman, deceased; David P., a resident of Emmetsburg, Iowa; Mary Jane, who lives in Canton, Pennsylvania; Mariette, wife of Erastus Putnam of the same place; Asa, deceased; Viola, wife of Russell Ross, of DeSmet, South Dakota, and Valeria, wife of F. M. Baldwin. The parents both died on the homestead farm at Canton, in April, 1865, their deaths occurring within two days of each other. The subject of this sketch obtained a common school education, and spent his youth and young manhood on the home farm in Bradford county. In 1852 he went to California, remaining there two years. In the autumn of 1854 he came to Wellsboro and opened a hardware store in partnership with his brother, David P., the firm being D. P. & W. Roberts. In 1857 his brother retired from the business, which, with but a slight interruption, was carried on by our subject up to his death, March 22, 1897, being at the time the oldest merchant in Wellsboro. Mr. Roberts was married October 22, 1857, to Margaret Sturrock, a daughter of David and Jane Sturrock. Nine children have been born to this union, as follows: William H., deceased; Charles H., May B., wife of Alexander P. Cameron, of Manor, Pennsylvania; Lyman, a commercial traveler, who resides in Elmira; Edwin M., Margaret, Minnie Jane, deceased, Sarah, and Jessie, the last deceased. Mr. Roberts was a Republican since 1856, but was not active in politics, though he served in the borough council and as a school director. In religion, he was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was the last charter member of Ossea Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M., and was also a charter member of Tyoga Chapter, No. 194, R. A. M., and of Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, K. T. Mr. Roberts' long and successful business career was marked by a strict adherence to honorable business methods. He enjoyed the respect and esteem of the community, and during the forty-two years he lived in Wellsboro he was an active supporter of nearly every enterprise calculated to forward the growth and prosperity of the town.

WILLIAM H. ROBERTS, son of William and Margaret (Sturrock) Roberts, was born in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1858, and was educated in the borough schools, and graduated from the Pittsburg Commercial College. After his return to Wellsboro, he assisted his father in the store. He was an expert book-keeper

and accountant, and soon obtained recognition as a wide-awake, public-spirited citizen, and a foremost advocate of everything tending to advance the place of his birth. In 1889 he was elected burgess and made a most excellent official, his duties being very arduous, owing to the disastrous June flood of that year. In 1891 he was elected a councilman and was filling that position at the time of his death. He was a prominent Mason, and a member of a number of other secret and civic societies. Mr. Roberts possessed, in a marked degree, those sterling traits of character that command respect and esteem. He was married October 12, 1882, to Dora Coles, a daughter of W. R. Coles, of Wellsboro. He died October 21, 1893. Two sons, William and Leon, and their mother survive the loss of a kind father and husband.

M. M. CONVERSE was born in Palmer, Massachusetts, February 15, 1822, and learned the tailor's trade in his native State. He came to Wellsboro in 1843, where he continued to work at his trade. In 1848 he opened a clothing store and offered to his patrons the first stock of ready-made clothing brought to Wellsboro. After conducting business alone for some years, he formed a partnership with Mr. Osgood, and the firm of Converse & Osgood continued the business. About 1880 Mr. Converse retired, and died June 27, 1895. In 1865 he married Mrs. Juliet Sherwood, oldest daughter of Chester Robinson, to which union was born one son, Chester R. His widow died in Pasadena, California, April 24, 1897.

CHESTER R. CONVERSE, only child of M. M. and Juliet Converse, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, October 21, 1869. He attended the common schools of the borough and later took a course in Phillips' Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and in the Elmira Business College. In 1889 he engaged in the hardware business in Wellsboro as a member of the firm of Nichols & Converse, but within a year he purchased his partner's interest and continued the business alone for five years. On January 1, 1896, he became a member of the firm of Bailey & Converse, dealers in agricultural implements, etc. Mr. Converse was married June 27, 1893, to Emily Nichols, a daughter of Alfred I. Nichols, of Wellsboro. In politics, he is a Democrat, and is recognized as one of the substantial young business men of the borough.

JOHN MATHERS, SR., a native of County Londonderry, Ireland, immigrated to Chester county, Pennsylvania, about the close of the last century. Early in the present century he came to Tioga county and settled in Broughton Hollow, in the southeastern part of Delmar township, removing some years later to a farm about a mile southwest of Wellsboro. He married Jane McKeever, who bore him the following children: Charles, James, William, Robert, John, Jane, who married Gaylord Judd; Mrs. Daniel Kelsey; Eliza, who married Gates Wilcox; Mary, who married Benjamin Gitchell, and Rebecca, who married Frank Wetherbee, all of whom are dead. The parents passed the closing years of their lives on the homestead farm near Wellsboro.

JOHN MATHERS, son of John Mathers, Sr., was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1799, removed with his parents to Tioga county when about eleven years of age, and grew to manhood in Delmar township. In 1829 he went to Evansville, Indiana, and there married Eliza Jane Beecher, a daughter of Hopestill and Abigail (Rathbone) Beecher, pioneer settlers at Beecher's Island, Tioga county. She was born in this county February 13, 1806, and became the mother of eleven

public spirited, enterprising and liberal, and his death was a severe loss to the business interests of the community.

FREDERICK W. GRAVES, of the firm of Mathers, Graves & Company, was born in Ithaca, New York, May 5, 1852, and is a son of Rev. Frederick W. and Susan E. (Hayt) Graves. He is a descendant, on his father's side, from Thomas Graves, who came to America from England before 1645, and settled at Hartford, Connecticut. His grandfather, Col. Rufus Graves, and great-grandfather, Stephen Hayt, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, the former serving in Captain Merriman's company, and also in Capt. John Bacon's company, from Connecticut. His father was born in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1806, graduated at Amherst College in 1824, and followed the ministry all his life, dying in Canandaigua, New York, in 1864. His mother was a daughter of Dr. John C. Hayt, of Corning, New York, and died in 1890. They were the parents of four children, viz: Helen A., wife of Andrew Parker, of Buffalo; Edward P., president of the Corning Manufacturing Company, of Corning; Mary E., also a resident of Corning, and Frederick W. The last mentioned was educated in the Corning public schools and Alfred University. When fifteen years of age he entered the employ of S. T. Hayt, proprietor of a flouring mill at Corning, for whom he worked three years. In 1872 he engaged with Phelps, Dodge & Company, and in 1874, when they opened their Wellsboro office under the title of the Pennsylvania Joint Land & Lumber Company, he was given employment there, and remained with them up to 1878. He then purchased an interest in the store of C. C. Mathers, and the firm of C. C. Mathers & Company existed until 1885, when another partner was admitted, and the firm has since been Mathers, Graves & Company, Limited. Mr. Graves was married April 28, 1881, to Nellie, youngest daughter of John N. Bache, of Wellsboro, and has two children, Martha B. and Sarah S. In politics, he is a Republican, and has been borough auditor six years and school director three years, and is one of the leading merchants of Wellsboro.

FREDERICK K. WRIGHT was born in Athens, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1835, a son of Capt. Jason K. and Maria (Ely) Wright, of that place. He was reared in his native county, removed to Tioga county in 1859, and in 1861 formed a partnership with John W. Bailey, under the firm name of Wright & Bailey, and carried on a general store in Wellsboro for twenty years. In 1873 he became interested with others in establishing the tannery at Stokesdale, with which he was connected some years, during which period he was also interested in the lumber business. In 1883 Mr. Wright practically retired from active business, but is still interested in several business enterprises in Wellsboro. From 1885 to 1894 he was one of the proprietors of the Wellsboro *Gazette*. He is a stockholder in the Wellsborough National Bank, and was vice-president of that institution from January, 1896, up to January, 1897. He is also president of the Wellsboro Water Company and a director in the Wellsboro Building and Loan Association. On February 11, 1862, Mr. Wright married Ellen M. Lowrey, a daughter of Hon. James Lowrey, of which union two daughters survive, Mary L. and Louise. The family are adherents of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. Wright has always been one of the leading Democratic politicians in the county, and in 1892 was his party's candidate for Congress in the Sixteenth Congressional district. Though defeated, he polled the full vote of his party, and drew a considerable vote from the opposition. As a slight recognition

of his services, he was appointed postmaster of Wellsboro in 1895, which office he has since filled in a satisfactory manner. Enterprising, progressive and public-spirited, he has always taken a deep interest in the growth and prosperity of his adopted home.

WILLIAM VAN HORN was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and there learned the blacksmith's trade, later removing to Blooming Grove, Lycoming county, where he followed his trade until his death in 1836. He married Susan Thompson, and reared a family of five children, viz: Benjamin T., of Wellsboro; Phineas, deceased; Nancy, wife of John Bliss, of Charleston township, and William B. and Deborah, both deceased. Mrs. Van Horn survived her husband over forty years, and died in 1882, aged seventy-five.

BENJAMIN T. VAN HORN, eldest child of William Van Horn, was born near Williamsport, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1815, and was educated in the common schools and the Wellsboro Academy. When fifteen years of age he entered the cabinet shop of David Caldwell, to learn that trade, and after a five years' apprenticeship opened a shop of his own in Wellsboro. Here he continued for fifteen years manufacturing all work by hand. In 1850 he fitted his factory with machinery, and continued the business until 1872, when he sold it to his son, Rankin L., and son-in-law, N. T. Chandler, who carried on the business up to 1894. Mr. Van Horn married Nancy Bliss, and reared six children, viz: Mary J., wife of N. T. Chandler, of Wellsboro; William D., who was killed while a soldier in the Union army; Rankin L., of Wellsboro; Benjamin C., deceased; Helen, wife of James Shaw, of Wellsboro, and Charles, a resident of Moberly, Missouri. Mrs. Van Horn died February 17, 1870, and her husband married Mrs. Harriet Stevens. Both he and his wife are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, and he is connected with the Masonic order. In politics, he is a Republican, and has served on the school board and borough council.

RANKIN L. VAN HORN, of the firm of R. L. Van Horn & Son, booksellers and stationers, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, November 16, 1843, and is the oldest living son of Benjamin T. and Nancy Van Horn. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and when fifteen years of age began painting furniture in his father's factory, and so continued up to January, 1872, when he and his brother-in-law, N. T. Chandler, purchased the business, which they continued up to 1894. On February 7, 1872, Mr. Van Horn bought the book and stationery store of B. C. & L. R. Van Horn, since carried on by himself and son under the firm name of R. L. Van Horn & Son. On September 19, 1866, Mr. Van Horn married Cornelia E. Chubbuck, a daughter of Col. Levi Chubbuck, of Wellsboro. Two children blessed this union, viz: Sadie, who died at the age of one year, and Lewis R., manager of the book store of R. L. Van Horn & Son. Mr. Van Horn is a member of the I. O. O. F.; is a Republican, in politics, and has served in the borough council.

WILLIAM B. VAN HORN, youngest son of William Van Horn, was born near Williamsport, Lycoming county, in 1822, and learned the cabinet maker's trade in youth. He came to Wellsboro in 1842, followed his trade a few years, and then learned shoemaking, which he continued to work at the remaining years of his life. He married Amanda Green, of Charleston township, to which union were born three children, viz: Nancy, who died at the age of two years; Jenetta, who died at the

age of eleven years, and William D., now president of the Wellsborough National Bank. Mr. Van Horn died in April, 1893; his widow resides with her son.

WILLIAM D. VAN HORN, president of the Wellsborough National Bank, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, October 31, 1862, was reared in Wellsboro, and obtained his education in the High School of that town and at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, graduating from the latter institution in December, 1879. He then became book-keeper for Mathers, Graves & Company, January 1, 1880, and remained with them for three years. He next accepted a position as book-keeper in the First National Bank, of Wellsboro, where he remained up to October, 1888, when he was appointed cashier of the Wellsborough National Bank. He filled that position until January 14, 1896, on which date he was elected president of that institution, one of the leading banks in northern Pennsylvania. Mr. Van Horn was married April 12, 1887, to Miss Carrie R. Allen, a niece of Hon. Henry Sherwood, of Wellsboro. They are the parents of three children: William A., Edith and Howard E. Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is one of the enterprising, progressive, and substantial business men of Wellsboro.

NORMAN T. CHANDLER, undertaker, was born in Granville, New York, December 8, 1833, a son of Charles and Clarinda B. (Averill) Chandler. His father, a son of Daniel Chandler, was born in New York state, June 13, 1794, learned the wagon-maker's trade in boyhood, and followed that business until his death, June 21, 1837. His mother was a daughter of Jesse Averill, of Granville, and had the following children: Charles M., Minerva and Lyman A., all of whom are dead; John J., of Newark, New Jersey; Edgar D., a merchant of Cambridge, New York; Daniel L., Evelyn and Robert S., all deceased; Norman T., and Frederick I., a merchant of Granville, New York. When eight years old Norman T. went to live with his eldest brother, Charles, at Elba, New York. There he received his early education in the public school and when fifteen years of age engaged in clerking in a general store in Brockport, New York, where he remained three years. He next clerked in a drug store in Elmira one year, and in September, 1852, came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, and clerked for John R. Jones two years. Going to Rockford, Illinois, he clerked there one year and then returned to Wellsboro, and continued the same occupation for John R. Bowen for two years. The following year he worked in Fredonia, New York, and later was station agent at Oneida, Illinois, for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad. Returning to New York state, he clerked in Watertown for nine years, in Penn Yan for one year, and then went to Lansing, Michigan, and later to Detroit. In 1870 he returned to Wellsboro, and entered the store of his father-in-law, Benjamin T. Van Horn, for whom he clerked two years. In January, 1872, he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Rankin L. Van Horn, and they continued in business as manufacturers and dealers in furniture and undertaking until January 1, 1895, when W. D. Van Horn acquired R. L. Van Horn's interest. In March, 1896, when the furniture business was purchased by Fred W. Siemens, Mr. Chandler continued the undertaking business. Mr. Chandler was married August 22, 1862, to Mary J. Van Horn, a daughter of Benjamin T. Van Horn. In politics, he is a Republican, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., both Lodge and

Encampment, and has been treasurer of the latter for the past twelve years. Mr. Chandler is one of the sound, progressive men of the community.

CARL L. SIEMENS was born in Germany, February 29, 1828; there obtained a college education and graduated from a medical institution in his native land. He came to the United States in 1853, and located at Leeds, Massachusetts, where he practiced his profession, and was a member of the staff in a hospital for four years. In 1857 he moved to Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, to accept a clerkship in the office of the Bingham estate, which position he filled for twenty-two years, resigning in 1879 to become a book-keeper in the United States Treasury Department, at Washington, D. C. He filled that position up to 1893, when ill health compelled him to resign. Mr. Siemens married Rachel Hiltbold, in 1855, who bore him a family of five children, viz: Mary J., wife of J. D. Locke, of Wellsboro; George H., who resides in the west; Fred W. and Robert C., residents of Wellsboro, and Frank L., deceased. Mrs. Siemens died March 29, 1883. Mr. Siemens resided in Wellsboro with his children until his death, April 24, 1897.

FRED W. SIEMENS, a son of Carl L. and Rachel Siemens, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, October 29, 1860. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and when seventeen years old began clerking in the store of Harrington & Todd, and later filled a similar position in the store of Max Bernkopf, in all a period of five years. He then went to Washington, D. C., and clerked for Lansburg & Brother two years, then returned to Wellsboro and spent one year with Mr. Bernkopf. At the end of this time he became the junior member of the firm of Mathers, Graves & Company, of Wellsboro, the partnership dating from March 4, 1885, since which year he has been the firm's buyer of all dry goods handled by them. Mr. Siemens was married September 6, 1893, to Marion Simpson, a daughter of the late R. C. Simpson, of Wellsboro. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and a K. T. in that order, and has been chairman of the Republican county committee, to which party he has always given his support.

ADOLPHUS D. SPALDING, a son of Howard and Lucy Spalding, was born in Troy, Bradford county, April 27, 1813, his parents being members of pioneer families of that county. His boyhood and youth were spent on the farm, his education being acquired in the common schools. For several years during his early manhood he was engaged in mercantile pursuits as a clerk in Smithfield and Troy, and for a time also in farming. From 1851 to 1853, he was a deputy sheriff and resided in Towanda. After returning to Troy, he resumed farming for a few years, until appointed railroad station agent at Troy. He held this position until 1865, when he was appointed postmaster at Troy, and served through Johnson's administration. In June, 1873, he came to Wellsboro, and, in partnership with L. D. Taylor, purchased the drug business formerly carried on by John Pierce, then deceased. A year later he sold his interest to Mr. Taylor, and with his son, M. G. Spalding, bought out the drug store of Dr. M. L. Bacon, in the Wilcox block. Here they continued until the block just south of the Coles House was completed, when they moved into the corner store room, which had been fitted up for their use. In 1884 they sold the business to Mr. Spalding's son, George M., and he lived retired until his death, February 22, 1887. Mr. Spalding was twice married. His first marriage took place November 2, 1842, to Laura A. Morse, a daughter of Solomon Morse, of Troy. She bore him one child,

Dallas F., a resident of Titusville, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Spalding died July 25, 1847, and on December 17, 1851, he married Sarah Conklin McDowell, a daughter of Addison and Louise McDowell, of Burlington, Bradford county. To this union there were born three children, viz: Morell G., a resident of Bradford, McKean county; George M., of Wellsboro, and Fannie, who married E. A. Van Valkenburg, of Wellsboro, and who died June 29, 1892, leaving one daughter, Florence. Mr. Spalding was a Democrat in politics, but was not active as a politician or office seeker. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and as a business man and citizen was highly esteemed for his enterprise, public spirit and sterling integrity.

GEORGE M. SPALDING, son of A. D. and Sarah Spalding, was born in Troy, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1860, and was educated in the public schools of Troy and Wellsboro. In 1875, when but fifteen years of age, he began clerking in his father's drug store in Wellsboro, continuing until 1884, when he purchased the business, and carried it on with marked success until 1894, when he sold out to E. E. Hyer, of the present firm of Hyer & Howd. For a short time after disposing of his drug business Mr. Spalding was engaged in the furniture business. In December, 1894, he embarked in the coal and warehouse business, which has since claimed his attention. Mr. Spalding was married October 12, 1882, to Florence Webb, a daughter of Dr. W. W. Webb, of Wellsboro. They have had two children, viz: Madge, deceased, and Mildred. In politics, Mr. Spalding is a Democrat. He has served as borough auditor; is the present treasurer of the school board, and is also a director in the First National Bank, of Wellsboro. He is an I. O. O. F. and a past officer in the lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic order. Mr. Spalding is a popular and progressive business man, and takes an active part in every enterprise calculated to promote the best interests of Wellsboro.

DAVID GARDNER, president of the Wellsboro Building and Loan Association, was born in Windsor, Broome county, New York, July 9, 1807, a son of Nathan and Charlotte (Tompkins) Gardner. He attended school in early boyhood for a brief period, and at ten years of age began to make his own living, working at anything he could get to do. Later he worked at the carpenter's trade, and in a saw-mill, and finally went on the road as a peddler. He located at Orcutt Creek, Pennsylvania, and opened a general store in 1847, which he carried on successfully until 1875. In 1848 he was made postmaster at that point, but resigned in 1850, and was elected a justice of the peace, which position he filled five years. He was again appointed postmaster in 1861, and served continuously until 1875. From the latter year to 1880, he was a justice of the peace, and at the end of his term he came to Wellsboro, where he embarked in business with his son. In 1883 he obtained a charter for the Wellsboro Building and Loan Association, of which he was the first vice-president, and since 1886 has been president. Mr. Gardner was married September 29, 1829, to Florilla White, of Vermont, and has two children, Levi A., of Wellsboro, and Lysander B., of Elmira, New York. Mrs. Gardner died October 11, 1880, aged seventy-four years. Mr. Gardner is one of the oldest citizens of Wellsboro, being now in his ninetieth year.

LEVI A. GARDNER was born in Unadilla, Otsego county, New York, March 16, 1831, eldest child of David Gardner, and grew to manhood in his native State. He came to Tioga county in 1866, and opened a grocery store in Wellsboro, which he

carried on for seven years, and then engaged in the insurance business, as secretary of the Wellsboro Building and Loan Association, which position he has filled in a satisfactory manner up to the present.

JULIUS C. WHEELER was born in Chenango county, New York, January 17, 1831, a son of Harry and Lucina Wheeler. He received a common school education, and when sixteen years old came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and engaged in lumbering on Pine creek. By industry and economy he accumulated a small capital, and in 1857 located in Wellsboro and embarked in the grocery and provision business, making a specialty of wholesaling supplies to lumber camps, railroad construction crews, and others demanding groceries and provisions in large quantities. He also dealt in coal and builders' supplies. After the completion of the railroad to Wellsboro, his office, yards and store house were near the station. Here he carried on his various enterprises until July 27, 1883, when he was run down by a locomotive engine and killed. Mr. Wheeler was married February 5, 1857, to Emily E. Bartle, a daughter of Augustus and Cynthia Bartle, to which union were born eight children, as follows: Emily Jeanett, wife of C. A. Willcox, of Delmar; Irene Lucina, wife of Harvey B. Leach, a well-known member of the Tioga county bar; Harry D., of Wellsboro; Hattie, wife of John W. Moyer, a school teacher of Philadelphia; Nellie, wife of Elmer E. Benjamin, of Delmar; Mary, wife of Arthur M. Keeney, of Keeneyville; Luella, wife of J. George March, a teacher in the Wellsboro High School, and Kate, who died in infancy. Mr. Wheeler was a thorough business man and scrupulously honorable in all his dealings. In the conduct of his business affairs he was active, enterprising and energetic. As a citizen, he was public-spirited and progressive, and as a man, esteemed and respected for his integrity. In politics, he was a Republican. He filled the office of burgess two years, being elected without opposition or effort on his part.

JOHN JACOB BURGIN was born near Basle, Switzerland, September 18, 1818, from an old and honored family. He grew to manhood in his native country and there married Jacobea Rudin. Of the children born to this union, the following named grew to maturity: John Jacob, who was killed by the railroad cars in Buffalo, New York, in July, 1893; Maria Louise, wife of Stephen Flick, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Emma, who died in Georgia; Rudolph, Bertha, wife of V. A. Putnam, of Kane, Pennsylvania, and Minnie E., who resides in Wellsboro. Mr. Burgin was a man of wealth and influence in his native land, where he filled an honorable office in the revenue department of the republic. He was also a member of the rifle corps, and like nearly all his countrymen was an expert marksman. Having lost his property by indorsing for others, he came to the United States in October, 1867, and lived for a time near Elk Run, Potter county, whence he removed to Wellsboro and later to Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1872 he returned to Wellsboro and opened a bakery which he conducted until 1890, when he sold out to O. G. Padgett. He died August 31, 1892, aged seventy-four years. His widow, who is now eighty years of age, resides in Wellsboro. Although prominent in public affairs in his native land, Mr. Burgin, after coming to this country, refrained from active participation in politics, devoting his whole attention to business matters. His youngest daughter, Minnie E., is the proprietor of the "Candy Kitchen" in Wellsboro, which she has successfully carried on for several years. She is a deputy state organizer of the Ladies of the

Maccabees, holds the office of sergeant in the Great Hive of the State, and to her efforts has been largely due the rapid growth of that order in Tioga county.

JESSE LOCKE, SR., was born in Cincinnatus, Cortland county, New York, April 3, 1804, a son of Jesse Locke, a native of Connecticut, who married Rebecca Merritt and reared a family of nine children. His father died in 1813 and his mother in 1848. On May 13, 1824, he married Lura Rexford, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, born January 23, 1804, to which union were born eleven children, six of whom grew to maturity, viz: Jane, who married William Thompson; Lovisa L., and Sarah M., widow of Silas X. Billings, both residents of Wellsboro; Fannie M., wife of L. A. Sears; Jesse, a merchant of Wellsboro, and Job D. The last mentioned was a well-known farmer and died at his home in Wellsboro, February 28, 1889, in the forty-eighth year of his age. He was an industrious, substantial citizen and enjoyed the respect and esteem of his neighbors. In 1842 Mr. Locke and family removed to Tioga county and settled on Pine creek, in Shippen township, where he was extensively engaged in lumbering. He owned large tracts of timber lands and operated several saw-mills and a grist-mill on Pine creek; also carried on a general store in Wellsboro, and was one of the successful business men of that period. He died at his home on Pine creek, July 12, 1849. In the spring of 1851 his widow and family removed to Wellsboro, where Mrs. Locke died December 2, 1874. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and an earnest Christian woman.

JESSE LOCKE was born in Cortland county, New York, October 31, 1839, and was educated in the Wellsboro Academy, being but three years old when his parents came to Tioga county. When twenty-five years of age he embarked in merchandising at Gaines, where he still carries on business. In December, 1890, he moved to Wellsboro, and in June, 1896, became a member of the firm of Locke & Kelts, general grocers and dealers in boots and shoes. Mr. Locke was married on February 26, 1865, to Sarah E. Watrous, a daughter of James H. Watrous, of Gaines. During his residence in Gaines township, he served as a school director several years, and was one of the substantial citizens of that locality for a quarter of a century.

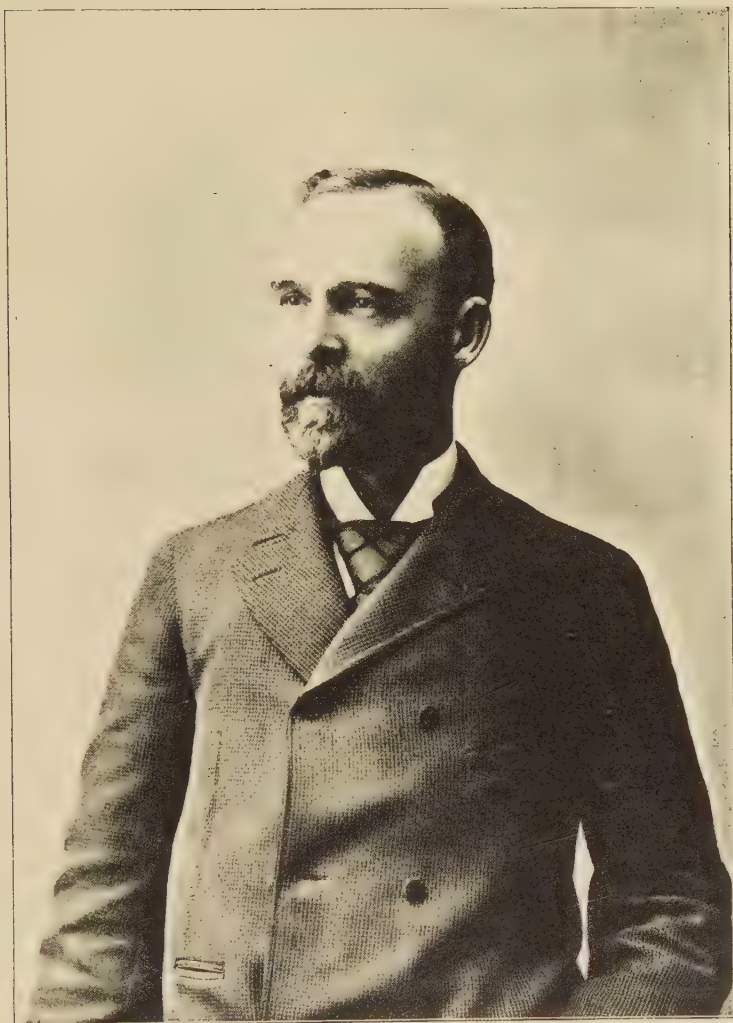
EZRA BENEDICT YOUNG was born in Springfield township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1846, a son of Russell B. and Jemima (Bailey) Young. His father was born in Middletown, Connecticut, in 1807, and was a son of Sylvanus and Betsey Young, the fourth in a family of seven children. He came to Springfield township, Bradford county, in 1837, and resided there until his death, in 1887. His mother is still living in that county. They reared a family of ten children, as follows: Elisha, deceased; Sarah, wife of H. A. Brigham; Louisa, wife of J. L. Spencer; William R., John W. and Asahel B., all farmers of Springfield township, Bradford county; Ezra B., of Wellsboro; Ralph B., a resident of Springfield township; Augusta E., wife of Colin Wood, and Darius M., a farmer of Smithfield, Bradford county. The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of his native township, and later Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, at Towanda, and the State Normal School, at Mansfield, graduating from the latter institution in 1868. He then taught school for three years in Bradford and Juniata counties, at the end of which time he entered the office of Hon. John I. Mitchell, of Wellsboro, as a law student. During his legal studies he also taught school. He was admitted to the Tioga county bar April 6, 1874, and to the United States district and circuit courts

in June, 1880. Since his admission to practice he has devoted but little attention to it, having been engaged in mercantile business. Mr. Young was married April 16, 1874, to Mary A. McElheny, a daughter of Thomas and Adelaide McElheny, of Ithaca, New York, and has two children, Adelaide T. and Sarah L. The family are adherents of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Young is a member of the Masonic order. In politics, a Republican, he has filled the offices of school director and notary public, and is one of the substantial business men and enterprising citizens of Wellsboro, where he carries on one of the leading hardware stores in the county.

GEORGE O. DERBY, of the firm of Derby & Son, boot and shoe merchants, was born in Groton, Massachusetts, June 7, 1832, and is a son of Oliver and Elizabeth (Hadley) Derby, natives of that State. He received a common school and academical education in his native town, and when eighteen years of age went to work in a boot and shoe factory as a cutter of sole leather. In 1856 he came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, where he worked as a shoemaker until 1866, in which year he established his present business. In the meantime, on April 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Reserve, known as the "Bucktails," and was discharged at Philadelphia, on account of disability, in November, 1862. Returning to Wellsboro he worked at his trade until he started in business for himself, some four years later. Mr. Derby was married in 1856, to Susan P. Wood, a daughter of Harvey Wood, and has three children: George H., Edward H. and Ada M., wife of C. L. Farnsworth, of Bradford. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Derby is connected with the I. O. O. F. In politics, he is a Republican, and has served in the borough council for two years.

GEORGE H. DERBY, of the boot and shoe firm of George O. Derby & Son, was born in Dudley, Massachusetts, July 6, 1857, and is the oldest child of George O. and Susan P. Derby. He was educated in the Wellsboro High School, and in 1877, when twenty years of age, he was engaged as pitcher for the Hornellsville, New York, baseball team. In the spring of 1878 he again played with the same team for four months, but finished the season with the Syracuse club. In 1879 and 1880 he played with the Washington team of the International League, and in 1881-82 with the Detroit National League club. In the spring of 1883 he became a member of the Buffalo club, but after playing a part of the season his arm gave out and he retired from the profession. He was a very successful pitcher, few, if any, excelling him in that line. On his retirement from the diamond, he entered his father's shoe store, in which he had purchased an interest in 1881, since which time he has been a member of the firm. Mr. Derby was married September 9, 1880, to Ella A. Robinson, of Wellsboro, and has two children, Frank H. and Ralph. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and the I. O. O. F. societies. In politics, Mr. Derby is a Republican, has been a member of the borough council for the past eight years, and served as burgess in 1892 and 1893. He is a director in the First National Bank, vice-president of the Wellsboro Building and Loan Association, and at present a member of the Wellsboro school board.

NOAH HAMMOND was born in Glens Falls, New York, November 7, 1829; married Elizabeth Williams, and in 1854 located on a farm in Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of five children, named as follows: William A., a merchant of Wellsboro; Mary, wife of F. L. Dunham, of



Mr. C. Kress

Farmington township; Calvin, deceased; Eugene, a merchant of Wellsboro, and Anna R. Mr. Hammond died upon his farm April 7, 1873. His widow lives with their son, Eugene.

WILLIAM A. HAMMOND, of the firm of W. A. Hammond & Brother, grocers, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, November 17, 1854, and is the eldest child of Noah Hammond. He was reared upon the homestead farm, and obtained his education in the public schools and at Allen's Business College, Elmira, New York. He worked as a farm hand a few years, then went to Barclay, Bradford county, and took a position as delivery clerk in a grocery store, which he filled for two years. In April, 1884, he opened his present store in Wellsboro, and sold an interest in the same to his brother Eugene in 1887, since which time the firm of W. A. Hammond & Brother has carried on the business. On October 13, 1881, Mr. Hammond married Ida H. Preble, a daughter of L. J. Preble, of Charleston township. They are members of the Baptist church, and he is connected with the I. O. O. F. In politics, he is a Republican, and is a member of the present borough council.

EUGENE HAMMOND, youngest son of Noah Hammond, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, January 17, 1862, resided on the farm until 1887, and then purchased an interest in his brother's store, since which time he has been the junior member of the firm of W. A. Hammond & Brother, general grocers. He married Miss May B. McCallum, a daughter of William H. McCallum, of Lawrence township, and has one son, William E. Politically, he is a Republican.

RUDOLPH PAGAN, jeweler, was born in Switzerland, December 13, 1840, a son of Abraham and Mary (Heuselman) Pagan, natives of that country. He was educated in the common schools of his native land, and there learned the watchmaker's trade, which he followed in Switzerland up to 1867. In that year he came to New York City, where he worked at his trade a year and a half, and subsequently spent ten years and a half in Elmira, New York. In 1879 he located in Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, worked a year and a half at his trade, and then opened a store with a full line of jewelry, watches, clocks and silverware, which business he has since carried on successfully. Mr. Pagan was married in Switzerland, December 30, 1866, to Emma Kocher, a daughter of Stephen Kocher, to which union have been born five children, three of whom survive, viz: Arthur F., a painter; Edward F., a clerk in a drug store, and Frank. The family are connected with the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Pagan is a member of the Masonic order. In politics, he is in sympathy with the principles of the Republican party.

WILLIAM CLYMER KRESS was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in December, 1846, a son of George C. and Eliza Kress. His father was a clerk in the Bingham land office at Wellsboro for many years, and died June 30, 1860. His mother died October 12, 1863. William was reared to manhood in his native town and obtained his education in the public schools. He married Mary Adeline Bache, youngest daughter of the venerable William Bache, to which union were born five children, three of whom are living, as follows: Anna Mabel, George William Bache, and Maud Ethel. Mr. Kress spent his entire life in Wellsboro, and was one of its well-known, active business men. He was engaged in the drug business and later carried on a foundry and machine shop for several years. When the water works

plant was built, Mr. Kress was employed in its construction, and filled the position of superintendent of the works until the time of his death. He planned and supervised the erection of the Bache Auditorium, corner of Pearl street and East avenue, Wellsboro, completed in the autumn of 1894 at a cost of \$16,000, the principal portion of which was contributed by his father-in-law. Soon after the completion of this substantial and commodious structure, Mr. Kress began to fail in health, and died June 26, 1895, from cancer of the stomach. He was one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of the borough, and his death was regretted by a large circle of friends.

JOHN HARMAN was one of the first settlers of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, whither he came from Adams county. He was a miller, and built one of the first grist-mills in the county, near the village of Liberty, which he operated up to his death, in 1824. Mr. Harman was twice married, and reared a family of eleven children. By the first marriage there were Katie, Susan, Betsey, Thomas, Isaac, John, William and Henry; and by the second marriage, Andrew, Daniel and Benjamin.

ISAAC HARMAN was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, in 1790, and came to Tioga county with his father, where he worked in the mill built by the latter until 1834. The remainder of his life was passed on a farm in Liberty township. He married Nancy Hagenbush, born in 1800, in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, who became the mother of six children, viz: Joseph H., of Wellsboro; Harriet, deceased; Matilda, deceased wife of David Landis; Sarah, wife of John Whitaker, of Kansas; Philemon, a miller of Dundee, New York, and Lorinda, wife of John Wiltsey, of Kansas. Mr. Harman died in 1864, and his wife in 1878.

JOSEPH H. HARMAN, treasurer and architect of the Wellsboro Manufacturing and Building Company, was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, June 18, 1829, and was educated in the public schools. When eighteen years of age he went to learn the carpenter's trade in Covington, and followed that business until 1871, in which year he moved to Wellsboro, and continued working at his trade up to 1878. He then became a member of the firm of Harman, Borden & Company, which was finally merged into the Wellsboro Manufacturing and Building Company. Mr. Harman married Lucy Gaylord, a daughter of Elijah Gaylord, of Covington, Tioga county, May 4, 1854, to which union have been born three children, viz: Hattie L., wife of Irwin Keefer, of Wellsboro; Beverly W., who died at the age of seventeen, and Edith, wife of Raymond Houghton, of Wellsboro. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Harman is a Prohibitionist, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

ROBERT J. BORDEN, superintendent and one of the managers of the Wellsboro Manufacturing and Building Company, Limited, was born in Delhi, Delaware county, New York, March 2, 1844, a son of William and Elizabeth (Weismore) Borden. His father, a machinist by occupation, came to Tioga county in 1853, and located at Niles Valley, where he followed lumbering for some years, afterwards devoting his attention to farming. He died in January, 1862, and his wife in October, 1883. Robert J. was educated in the public schools of his native county, and in those of Tioga county. On October 19, 1861, when in his eighteenth year, he enlisted in Company L, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry. He served in the battle of Slater Mountain, acted as orderly for General Pope at Second Bull Run, and was sent on.

detached duty just prior to the battle of Fredericksburg. He was honorably discharged November 21, 1864, and was then appointed a mounted messenger to the paymaster general, in which capacity he served until 1870. Returning to Tioga county, he was engaged in farming and lumbering in Charleston township up to 1880, when he bought an interest in the industry of which he is now superintendent. The plant was established in 1878, by Joseph H. Harman and Isaac P. Borden, was operated by Harman, Borden & Company up to May 1, 1892, and was then merged into a stock company, under the title of the Wellsboro Manufacturing and Building Company, Limited. They manufacture all kinds of builders' supplies, buying most of their lumber on the stump, and do a large contracting and building business, employing twenty-five hands. Mr. Borden was married July 15, 1864, to Miss Fannie B. Monshower, of Carroll county, Maryland, who has borne him six children, viz: William, who died in infancy; Minnie M., wife of F. H. Smith, of Wellsboro; Lolo E., wife of L. R. Van Horn, of the same place; William R., Catharine and Eloise. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Borden is connected with the I. O. O. F. In politics, a Republican, he has served as school director, councilman and burgess of Wellsboro.

ALFRED I. NICHOLS, of the firm of A. I. Nichols & Son, millers, was born in Addison, Steuben county, New York, February 16, 1837, a son of Alfred and Mary (Drew) Nichols, natives of Rhode Island and Maine, respectively. He was educated in the common schools of his native town, and when twenty-one years of age began farming at Tuscarora, Steuben county, and followed that business until 1885, when he came to Wellsboro and opened a hardware store on Main street. He carried on this business four years, then sold out and purchased the mill property, which he has since owned and operated. Mr. Nichols married Sarah E. Bache, a daughter of the venerable William Bache, of Wellsboro, to which union have been born six children, viz: Anna B., Emily D., wife of C. R. Converse; William B., a member of the firm; Enos A., Maud and Blanche. Mr. Nichols and wife attend the Protestant Episcopal church. Their son William, now known as William Bache, Jr., was born in Tuscarora, Steuben county, New York, June 19, 1873, and was educated in the common schools of his native town and the Wellsboro High School. The firm carries on a wholesale and retail business, and ship their flour to all parts of Pennsylvania.

COL. JUSTUS DARTT, a soldier of the Revolution, and after that a colonel in the Vermont militia, settled in what is now known as Dartt settlement, in Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1811. He was one of the county commissioners in 1815, and in 1817 was appointed one of the trustees of the Wellsboro Academy. When he came to the county he purchased 160 acres of land, built his cabin in the midst of the primitive forest, and settled down to make for himself and family a home. He followed lumbering and farming up to his death, July 5, 1838, aged eighty-one years. His wife, Hannah, departed this life January 14, 1844, at the ripe age of eighty-six. They were the founders of the Dartt family of Tioga county, and have numerous descendants in this section of the State.

CYRUS DARTT, a son of Col. Justus and Hannah Dartt, was born in Castleton, Vermont, October 25, 1800, and was about eleven years old when his parents settled in Charleston township, Tioga county. He followed farming all his life, residing

on the farm settled by his father. In 1820 he married Lydia Kelley, who bore him a family of eight children, viz: Horace, Solon S., Hiram W., Charles N., Lydia, Irena M., Fidelia H. and Amelia R. His wife dying, he was again married in 1837, to Matilda Sweet, to which union were born three children: Albert, Elenora and Hannah. Mr. Dartt died in 1883 in Wellsboro, having spent his entire life in this county and principally upon the old homestead in Charleston township.

HIRAM W. DARTT, third son of Cyrus and Lydia (Kelley) Dartt, was born on the homestead farm in the Dartt settlement, October 17, 1825, and attended the district schools of his neighborhood. When eighteen years of age he began working at the carpenter's trade, but two years later engaged with S. B. Kendall, of Wellsboro, to learn wagon making. Six months afterwards he purchased an interest in the business, and has followed the trade up to the present time. In 1888 he sold the manufacturing plant and business to his son, A. P. Dartt. In 1854 Mr. Dartt married Adeline Potter, who has borne him seven children, viz: Edgar S., Franklin H., assistant superintendent of the Blossburg Coal Company, at Arnot; Effie, wife of Mark L. Smith, of Scranton; Albert P., Robert R., Arthur H. and Addie. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics, adherents of the Republican party.

EDGAR S. DARTT, eldest son of Hiram W. Dartt, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, December 19, 1855; received a common school education, and later worked for ten years in the paint shop of R. L. Mack. In 1888, in partnership with Wisheart & Keefer, he bought the present plant. It was burned, then rebuilt, and leased by himself and brother, Albert P. Mr. Dartt was married November 18, 1896, to Mrs. Lovina L. Longwell, a daughter of James Hall, of Charleston township. In politics, Mr. Dartt is a Republican; was tax collector of the borough from 1888 to 1890, and filled the office of constable from 1888 to 1892. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

ALBERT P. DARTT, son of Hiram W. Dartt, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, December 11, 1861, attended the public schools of his native town, and when sixteen years of age entered his father's shop to learn the wagon-making trade. In 1888 he and his brother, Edgar S., purchased the business from their father, and have since conducted it, manufacturing all kinds of wagons and sleighs, and giving employment to twelve men. They also carry on in connection with the factory a retail harness store. Mr. Dartt was married October 13, 1887, to Carrie M., daughter of Gen. Robert C. Cox, and has one child, Mildred M. Mrs. Dartt died February 24, 1891. He was married a second time March 20, 1895, to Sarah M. Williams, a daughter of Orrin E. Williams. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, also of the I. O. O. F., and in politics, a Republican.

ARTHUR H. DARTT, youngest son of Hiram W. Dartt, was born in Wellsboro, October 19, 1868; was educated in the High School, and when sixteen years of age began working in the blacksmith shop in his father's factory. After learning the trade, he engaged with his brothers, A. P. & E. S. Dartt, for whom he worked three years, and then went to Buffalo, New York, where he followed his trade until January 1, 1894, when he again entered the employ of his brothers, as assistant manager, which position he now fills. He was married August 22, 1894, to Miss Kate Van Valkenburg, daughter of Henry and Hattie (Wilson) Van Valkenburg, of

Wellsboro. He is a member of Tyoga Lodge, No. 230, and Wellsboro Encampment, No. 78, I. O. O. F.

JOHN GISIN, tanner and dealer in hides and pelts, was born in Switzerland, November 18, 1840, and is a son of Sebastian and Anna (Prack) Gisin. He was reared in his native land, and in 1865 immigrated to the United States. After a few months of travel through the country, he located in Nelson, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and in June, 1866, commenced learning the tanner's trade with C. F. Margraff, of that borough. He worked for that gentleman nine years, and then removed to Patterson, New Jersey, where he purchased a fancy goods and millinery store, which he conducted five years. Coming to Wellsboro in 1881, he purchased the tannery of Joseph Riberolle, which he carried on until October, 1886, when the plant was burned. He immediately rebuilt on a larger scale, and now operates the only tannery in the borough. Mr. Gisin was married October 22, 1869, to Louisa A. Margraff, a daughter of Fred Margraff, who has borne him four children, viz: Anna, a teacher in the public schools; Nellie, who died at the age of three years; Mabel, and Mattie. The family attend the Protestant Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. Gisin is a Republican, and is a member of the I. O. O. F.

ROBERT H. FLEMING came from Michigan to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1865, bringing his family with him. They located at Tioga, where he worked at shoemaking for two years, then moved to Stony Fork, and four years later to Corning, New York; thence to Antrim, and finally to Hoytville, Tioga county. His wife, Catherine (Greek) Fleming, was the mother of nine children, five of whom are living, viz: Adelia A., wife of Zealous Austin, of Morris Run; Lester M., of Wellsboro; Martha, wife of H. L. Spencer, of Delmar; Addie, wife of Louis Bulss, of Blossburg, and Jennie, of the same borough. Mr. Fleming died in Hoytville, August 27, 1889. His widow resides with her daughter in Blossburg.

LESTER M. FLEMING, of the firm of Spencer & Fleming, proprietors of the Keystone Flouring Mills, was born in Dundee, Monroe county, Michigan, September 19, 1859, and is the only living son of Robert H. and Catherine Fleming. He was six years old when the family came to Tioga county, and he was here educated in the common schools. When sixteen years of age he entered the employ of Alenson Spencer, his present partner, and after seventeen years of faithful service, he bought an interest in the mill, September 7, 1891, and is now a member of the firm. Mr. Fleming was married April 27, 1876, to Susie M. Spencer, a daughter of Alenson Spencer, and has two children, Edward Monroe and Alenson Robert. Mr. Fleming is a member of the P. of H. and has been connected with the choir of the Methodist Episcopal church of Wellsboro for the past eight years.

LUCIUS TRUMAN, a native of Owego, New York, followed lumbering on Pine creek for twenty-five years, and later carried on the same business in Wellsboro. He served in the Rebellion as first lieutenant of Company E, and later as quartermaster of the famous "Bucktail" regiment. He married Mary P. Leach, of Owego, New York, who bore him the following children: Albert A., Hattie, wife of J. W. Van Valkenberg, and Louis F., all residents of Wellsboro; Elizabeth, deceased wife of W. P. Bigoney; Irving L., a resident of Trout Run, Lycoming county; Lilla, and Herman L., both deceased. Mrs. Truman died in Owego in 1863, aged forty-six years. He again married, Mary Doumaux, who bore him three children: Belle,

Edgar, deceased, and Nellie. Mr. Truman died in Wellsboro, in May, 1890, aged seventy-two years. His widow resides in that borough.

ALBERT A. TRUMAN, agent of the American Express Company at Wellsboro, was born in Owego, New York, October 6, 1841, and is the eldest child of Lucius and Mary P. (Leach) Truman. He was educated in the common schools, and on April 25, 1861, he enlisted in the United States navy, served two months on the receiving ship, Princeton, and was then assigned to duty as landsman on the St. Lawrence, a frigate of fifty guns, upon which he spent two years. He was then made yeoman of the bark Pursuit, was later transferred to the steamer Union, and was discharged in June, 1863. Returning to Owego he clerked in a dry goods store for a few months, later followed the same business at Corning one year, and then came to Wellsboro, where he purchased an interest in the store of O. Bullard, which he disposed of a year later and then clerked for Converse & Osgood one year; for J. R. Bowen two years, and Laughner Bache one year. He next embarked in the grocery business, but sold out at the end of a year and engaged in draying, which he followed five years. He then went to the Black Hills, where he worked in the gold mines nineteen months. Returning to Wellsboro, he clerked for E. B. Young one year, and then accepted the position as station agent of the Fall Brook railroad at Middlebury. Six months later he went to Corning as agent for the American Express Company, and at the end of a year was appointed messenger for the same company on the Fall Brook railroad. In April, 1882, he was transferred to Wellsboro, where he has since been the agent of that company. Mr. Truman was married November 25, 1868, to Anna Stowell Bache, a daughter of John N. Bache, of Wellsboro, who has borne him three children, viz: Lilla, who died in infancy; Minnie B., a teacher in the Wellsboro High School, and John Norris Bache, book-keeper for the Wellsborough National Bank. The family are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which body Mr. Truman is a vestryman and secretary of the vestry for the past three years. Mr. Truman is a member of Ossea Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M.; Tyoga Chapter, No. 194, R. A. M., of which he is now the Scribe, and Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, K. T. He is also a member of George Cook Post, No. 315, G. A. R., in which he has filled the offices of commander and adjutant.

WILLIAM O'CONNOR was born in Carlton county, New Brunswick, February 14, 1853. His father, Charles O'Connor, was a native of Ireland and immigrated to New Brunswick in early manhood, where he married Lovina Birmingham, who bore him nine children, five of whom are living, viz: John, a resident of Stokesdale; James and William, of Wellsboro; Elizabeth, wife of John Groom, of Rolling Dam, New Brunswick, and Matilda, wife of Zebulon Gilman, of Aroostook county, Maine. The father died in 1858, and his widow married Samuel Darkis, since deceased. She now resides in Aroostook county, Maine. William received a common school education, and began in life for himself when sixteen years of age. Coming to Wellsboro, he accepted such employment as offered, later began lumbering, and then engaged in general contracting. By constant industry and strict attention to business, he enlarged his enterprises and widened the field of his operations until he is now interested as a partner in the company stores at Arnot and Landrus, and a stockholder in the bank at Galeton, Potter county. He also owns a valuable farm in Morris township, and is engaged in lumbering operations at Nelson Run, Potter

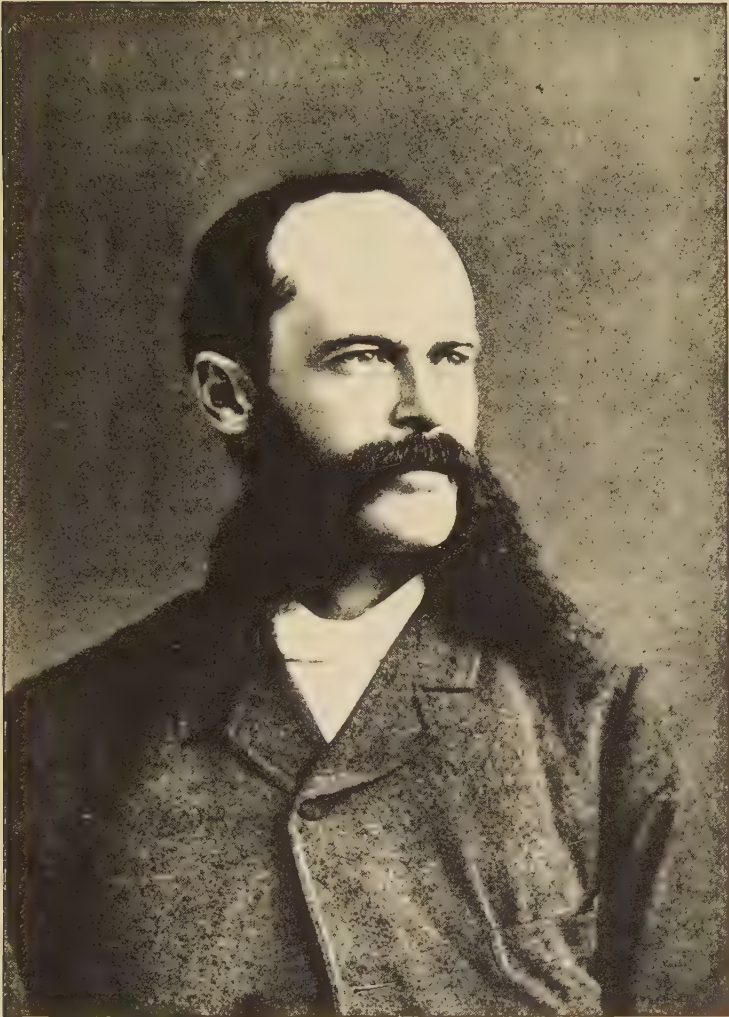
county. Mr. O'Connor was married May 13, 1873, to Martha Webster, a daughter of J. E. Webster, of Morris township, and has three children, viz: Lura, Ada and Edna. In 1876 he became a resident of Morris, and lived there until the spring of 1896, when he removed to Wellsboro, purchasing the residence of the late Dr. Hugh L. Davis. In politics, Mr. O'Connor is a stanch Democrat, but has never been an office seeker, his business affairs receiving all his time and attention. It can be said to his credit, that from a penniless boy, he has, since coming to Tioga county, by his own efforts and energy, raised himself to a prominent place among the successful business men of this section of the State, and that his career has been marked by a strict adherence to honorable business methods. He enjoys the confidence of his business associates and the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens generally.

REV. M. J. MANLY, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic church of Wellsboro, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1861, a son of Michael J. and Mary H. (Judge) Manly. His parents were natives of Ireland, his father being born and reared in County Mayo and his mother in County Limerick. They were married in their native land and came to Wilkes-Barre in 1854, where Mr. Manly became a railroad contractor. He died in 1868, and his wife in 1872. They were the parents of the following named children: Catherine and Maria Josephine, of Wilkes-Barre; Julia, who died June 27, 1883, being then Sister Mary of St. Peter, in the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Philadelphia; Maggie, who died in February, 1883; M. J. and Anthony. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Wilkes-Barre in boyhood, and later spent a year and a half as a student in the Protestant Seminary of Kingston, Luzerne county. He then entered St. Bonaventure's College, Allegany, New York, where took a course in classics and philosophy, graduating with the degree of B. A. He next entered St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland, where he completed his theological course, and was ordained in that city October 8, 1883, by Cardinal Gibbons and Bishop Northrup. He soon after took charge of a church at Honesdale, Pennsylvania, but within a year was appointed pastor of St. Catherine's church, Moscow, having charge also of the churches at Tobyhanna, Stroudsburg and Gouldsboro, which pastorate he filled seven years. On November 17, 1890, he took charge of St. Peter's church at Wellsboro. He has also under his care the mission churches at Tioga, Antrim and Hoytville, and seventeen additional missions without churches within the confines of Tioga county. Father Manly is a popular priest, a very eloquent speaker, and one of the hardest-working priests in the Diocese of Scranton.

ELMER BACON, a native of Vermont, came to Charleston township, Tioga county, early in the present century and settled near Round Top, where he followed farming and lumbering. He married Mary Merrick, a daughter of Israel Merrick, Sr., one of the pioneers of Wellsboro. Eleven children were born to this union, as follows: George, a resident of Nebraska; Elmer, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of W. P. Shumway; Henry, a resident of Dakota; Rebecca, widow of John A. McEwen, of Williamsport; Niram, a resident of Wisconsin; Levi L., who enlisted in the New York Southern Tier Rifles during the Rebellion and died at Georgetown, D. C.; Morgan L., a physician of Wellsboro; Sarah, wife of R. F. Wilson, of the same place, and David, deceased. Mr. Bacon died in Charleston township in April, 1847, and his wife in 1873.

MORGAN L. BACON, M. D., was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, June 19, 1837, a son of Elmer and Mary Bacon. After attending the common schools he became a student in the Wellsboro Academy and later in Union Academy, at Academy Corners, graduating from the latter institution in 1857. After teaching for a short time he began the study of medicine under Dr. Nelson Packer, of Wellsboro, which he pursued until 1861, when he enlisted as a hospital steward in the Forty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, the famous Bucktail regiment, and served four months. In July, 1863, he raised Company E, of the Thirty-fifth regiment, Emergency Men, of which he was commissioned captain, and was discharged with the regiment. Dr. Bacon then began the practice of his profession in Mansfield, remaining there five years. In 1868 he moved to Blossburg, where he practiced until 1870, and then became the physician of the Morris Run Coal Mining Company at Morris Run, where he practiced two years. In 1872 he located in Wellsboro, and for the past twenty-five years has continued in the active duties of his profession, being to-day one of the oldest practitioners in the borough. On November 30, 1863, Dr. Bacon married Eva Bailey, a daughter of John W. Bailey, and has three children, viz: John E., a physician of Buffalo; Dana S., a real estate dealer of Model City, New York, and Morgan L., a medical student in the Buffalo University. Dr. Bacon is recognized as a skillful and successful physician and stands high in his profession. He was a member of the pension board under Cleveland's first administration and is secretary of the present pension board of Tioga county. He is also the local surgeon of the Fall Brook Railroad Company and has built up a large and lucrative practice. In politics, he is a staunch Democrat, has served as a school director for thirteen years, and is the present health officer of Wellsboro. In religion, Dr. Bacon is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

HUGH LLEWELLYN DAVIS, M. D., was one of the best known physicians of Tioga county during his professional career. He was born at Summit Hill, Carbon county, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1851, a son of Reese L. and Mary (Evans) Davis. His parents were natives of Wales and came to Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1832. After a short stay they removed to Carbon county, but many years later returned to Charleston township, where both resided until death, the father dying February 16, 1891, and the mother, June 5, 1892. They reared a family of eight children, Hugh L. being a small child when the family returned to Tioga county. Our subject attended the common schools of Charleston and subsequently the State Normal School at Mansfield. He then taught for five years in different parts of Tioga county. In 1870 he commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Nelson Packer, of Wellsboro, and graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in March, 1875. He soon after opened an office at Knoxville, whence he removed in 1876 to Arnot, and a year later to West Hampton, Massachusetts. In the autumn of 1879 he returned to Wellsboro where he soon built up a large practice and continued in the active duties of his profession until his death, from cerebral hemorrhage, December 19, 1895. Dr. Davis was one of those genial, large-hearted men who had a cordial greeting for every one. His kindly and sympathetic nature and encouraging words in the sick room drew many hearts to him. Ambitious and physically strong, charitable, and in love with his profession, he was always ready to answer a call regardless of the prospect of remuneration. On June 16,



J. L. Davis

1875, he married Emma Janette Karr, daughter of John Karr, of Wellsboro. His widow and two sons, Hugh Karr and Donald Llewellyn, are left to mourn the death of a kind husband and father. Dr. Davis was Past Master of Ossea Lodge, F. & A. M. and Eminent Commander of Tyagaghton Commandery. He was also connected with the I. O. O. F. and the Alert Hose Company. In politics, a Republican, he was serving in the borough council at the time of his death, the duties of which office he discharged with zeal and discretion. Upon the minutes of Tyagaghton Commandery is inscribed the following tribute to his memory:

As a man and a citizen he was upright, fair and courageous, and he always endeavored to do his duty according to his light. He never sought for office of emolument, but willingly shared the burdens of the administration of local government. He won the affection and esteem of all those who employed him professionally, and his uniform courtesy to every one made his friends legion.

As a member of the Masonic fraternity he has engraved his memory upon our hearts, more lasting and enduring than can be chiseled upon tablets of stone. He has fallen in life's battle, with his armor on, manfully fighting his way in the foremost rank, a martyr to duty.

AUGUSTUS NILES, M. D., was born upon the old homestead in Tioga township, Tioga county, November 10, 1853. He is the eldest son of Augustus E. Niles, a grandson of Augustus Niles, and a great-grandson of Nathan Niles, Sr., one of the first settlers in the Tioga valley. During his boyhood he attended the public schools of Tioga borough, where he obtained a good education. He attended lectures at Bennett Medical College, Chicago, Illinois, graduating from that institution in 1875, in which year he began practice at Nelson, Tioga county. In 1878 he removed to Keeneyville, where he practiced fifteen years. In 1893 he located in Wellsboro, and has since built up an extensive professional business and is recognized as a successful physician and a skillful surgeon. He has been a member of the state board of medical examiners since its creation, March 4, 1894, and is a member of the medical council of Pennsylvania. Dr. Niles was married April 11, 1875, to Mary J. Knuppenburg, a daughter of Dana A. Knuppenburg, of Nelson, and has two children, Augustus and Jerome D. In politics, Dr. Niles is a Republican, and has served two terms as coroner of Tioga county, from 1890 to 1896. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is also connected with the lodge, chapter and commandery in the Masonic order.

DR. L. M. JOHNSON was born at Bethany, Genesee county, New York, February 16, 1818, a son of Nichols and Lucy (Reynolds) Johnson, the former a native of South Carolina, and the latter of New York. He was educated at Bath and Geneva, New York, and at the age of thirty began reading medicine with Dr. M. F. Babcock, of Hammondsport, New York, and later took a course in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He then engaged in the practice of medicine at Galesburgh, Michigan, where he remained one year, and afterwards traveled a few years. In 1858 he came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, opened an office and began the practice of his profession. Here he remained in active practice until 1870, when failing health compelled him to give up a portion of his practice. He removed to his farm in Charleston township, which he had purchased in 1869, remained there three years, and devoted his attention to farming. In 1873 he returned to Wellsboro and resumed practice. In 1882 he went to North Dakota, re-

maining there until 1889. He then returned to Wellsboro, where he lived two years, and again took up his residence on his farm. In 1896 he returned to Wellsboro, and resumed the practice of medicine. Dr. Johnson has been married twice. In 1856 he married Elizabeth Lockwood, of New York. She died in 1857, and in 1866 he married Sarah E. Wilson, of Charleston township. They have an adopted daughter, Kate.

DR. JOEL ROSE was born in Roseville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1820, a son of William Rose, a native of Rutland, Vermont, who came to Tioga county in 1806, and settled on the site of Roseville, in what is now Rutland township, being one of the first settlers of that part of the county. Joel attended the common schools in boyhood, and later studied medicine under Dr. Abel Humphrey, of Tioga, and graduated at Geneva Medical College, Geneva, New York. He commenced practice at Roseville, where he continued until 1863, in which year he removed to Detroit, Michigan, and followed his professional duties in that city until his death, July 9, 1868. Dr. Rose married Alvira Stevens, and reared a family of four children, viz: Celia D., deceased wife of J. H. Desrosiers; Frank H., a dentist of Wellsboro; Clara E., wife of Charles Pepper, of Chicago, and Elizabeth, deceased. Mrs. Rose resides with her daughter in Chicago.

FRANK HAMILTON ROSE, D. D. S., was born in Roseville, Tioga county, August 16, 1849, and was educated in the common schools of his native village, and in Detroit, Michigan. He studied dentistry and in May, 1876, opened his present office, where he has since made a specialty of operative dentistry, and has built up a successful practice. Dr. Rose married Emma Bush, of Wellsboro, September 29, 1875, and has one daughter, Kittie. The family are members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Rose is the only child of Isaac and Catherine (Borden) Bush. Her father was born in New York state, February 2, 1832, came to Tioga county, and located at Niles Valley, where he engaged extensively in the lumber business. He afterwards removed to Wellsboro, where he followed the boot and shoe business a few years, then returned to Niles Valley, and was killed in a saw-mill, March 11, 1872. His widow died in 1884, aged fifty-one years.

DR. JOHN HENRY SHEARER is one of the oldest practicing physicians in Tioga county. He was born in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1827, a son of Henry and Catherine Shearer, natives of the same county. He was reared a farmer's boy, and at the age of nineteen enlisted in the Marine Corps, at Philadelphia, for service in the Mexican War, and was assigned to the line-of-battleship Ohio. He was at the siege and capture of Vera Cruz, and served until the close of the war, when he took up his residence in the Quaker City and began his medical studies under Prof. A. E. Small. He graduated from what is now Hahnemann College, Philadelphia, in the spring of 1852, and opened an office at Wellsboro, Tioga county, where he practiced three years and a half. In 1856 he went to Springfield, Illinois, spent some time in travel through the west, and practiced at Springfield from the fall of 1856 until the spring of 1859, when, because of failing health, he returned to Wellsboro, which has since been his permanent home. Dr. Shearer was married in 1858, to Hannah Stanton Rathbun, of Springfield, who died October 20, 1878, and has one son by that union, William Lincoln, editor and publisher of the *Republican Advocate*. He married for his second wife, Margaret M.

Wylie, a daughter of W. P. Wylie, a well-known citizen of this county. Dr. Shearer was a next-door neighbor of Abraham Lincoln during his residence in Springfield; a member of his presidential party; his guest at the White House in 1862, and one of his closest friends until his tragic end. Dr. Shearer has been in continuous practice in Wellsboro for nearly forty years.

WILLIAM LINCOLN SHEARER, only child of Dr. John H. and Hannah Stanton Shearer, was born in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1861. He received a good English education, graduating from the Wellsboro High School in 1881. After reading law under Judge Henry W. Williams and Hon. Horace B. Packer, he was admitted to the bar April 5, 1886, and practiced his profession about six months. On November 1, 1886, he bought an interest in the *Republican Advocate* and became a partner with James H. Matson. On March 10, 1891, he purchased Mr. Matson's interest, since which time he has conducted the paper alone. Mr. Shearer was married July 21, 1883, to Margaret L. Van Valkenburg, a daughter of C. G. Van Valkenburg, of Wellsboro. A Republican, in politics, Mr. Shearer has uncompromisingly maintained the principles of that party in the columns of his paper. He is a vigorous, incisive writer, and has conducted the *Republican Advocate* with ability and success. In religion he is an adherent of the Protestant Episcopal church.

AUGUSTUS F. BARNES, of the firm of Barnes & Roy, editors and publishers of the *Wellsboro Agitator*, was born in Painted Post, Steuben county, New York, December 30, 1838, and is a son of Washington and Deidamia (Knox) Barnes. His mother died when he was but five weeks old, and he was cared for by an aunt in Knoxville, Steuben county, until four years of age, when, his father having remarried, he was taken to live with him in Bath, New York, and there grew to manhood. His early education was acquired in the common schools. In 1859, after a preliminary reading under his father, who was a prominent lawyer of Steuben county, he completed his studies in the office of Spencer & Thomson, the leading law firm of Corning, New York, and was admitted to practice in 1860. During the next two years he filled the position of surrogate clerk under his father, who had been elected county judge and surrogate of Steuben county. From 1862 to 1872 he practiced law in Bath, with the exception of about twenty months, during 1864-65, when he was a clerk in the quartermaster general's office, Washington, D. C., and a portion of the winter of 1865-66, when he was engaged in editing the *Havana Journal*, Havana, New York. In January, 1872, Mr. Barnes bought a half interest in the *Wellsboro Agitator* of P. C. Van Gelder. In September following Arthur M. Roy purchased Mr. Van Gelder's remaining interest and the firm became Barnes & Roy, and has so continued to the present time. Mr. Barnes was married February 19, 1873, to Sarah Bull, a daughter of Col. William H. and Sarah (Whiting) Bull, of Bath, New York. The following named children have been born to this union: Sarah, Anna, Robert S. and Franklin A., both deceased; William Douglas and John Knox. In politics, Mr. Barnes is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. As editor of the *Agitator*, Mr. Barnes has proven himself a clear and logical thinker and a vigorous, forceful writer. He wields a facile, graceful pen, and deals with all matters of public policy with frankness and fearlessness. Under his guidance the *Agitator* has become a power in this

congressional district, and is recognized as one of the best-edited weekly papers in Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR M. ROY, of the firm of Barnes & Roy, editors and publishers of the Wellsboro *Agitator*, is the only living child of Dr. Robert and Irene M. (Dartt) Roy. He was born in Wellsboro, November 4, 1852, and was educated in the borough schools and in the Mansfield State Normal. At the age of twelve years he entered the *Agitator* office as an apprentice and served three years. He then went to school until he was nineteen years old. On September 1, 1872, he purchased the half interest of P. C. Van Gelder in the *Agitator* and became a partner of A. F. Barnes, the firm becoming Barnes & Roy. Entering the firm with a practical knowledge of the art of printing, Mr. Roy has devoted himself to the mechanical department of the paper and office, and has also discharged the duties of local editor. He has few superiors as a printer, having mastered the art in all its details. The neat typographical appearance of the *Agitator*, and the high class of work turned out by the jobbing department of the establishment, bear testimony to his skill. As a gleaner of local news he is industrious, and what he writes stamps him a first class newspaper man. Mr. Roy was married September 6, 1876, to Margaret L. Giles, a daughter of Benjamin and Rachel Giles, of Jamestown, New York. To this marriage there have been born three children, viz: Harold, Annie and Robert. Mr. Roy ranks among the prominent and respected citizens of Wellsboro. In politics he is a Republican, and has always been outspoken in the advocacy of the principles of that party. He is a deacon of the Presbyterian church of Wellsboro; is also superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday-school, and is an active supporter of everything tending toward the moral advancement of the community. He is a director in the First National Bank, and a member of the F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. societies.

FRANK CONEVERY, editor and publisher of the Wellsboro *Gazette*, was born in Bath, Steuben county, New York, July 16, 1855, and is a son of Patrick and Sarah Conevery. While he was yet an infant, his father was accidentally killed. His mother, who is still living, is a resident of Bath. Mr. Conevery's early education was acquired in the common schools. In 1869, when but fourteen years old, he became a printer's apprentice, and completed his trade in 1872, in the office of the Bath *Advocate*. During the next two years he worked as a journeyman printer in the *Advocate* office, the Buffalo *Courier* and other papers. In the fall of 1874 he took charge of the mechanical department of the Hammondsport *Herald*, continuing until April, 1877, when he came to Wellsboro and in the following August bought out the interest of F. G. Churchill in the Wellsboro *Gazette* and became a partner in its publication with S. N. Havens, under the firm name of Havens & Conevery. This partnership was terminated in November, 1881, when Mr. Havens sold his interest to Herbert Huntington, and the firm became Huntington & Conevery. In November, 1885, Frederick K. Wright bought the interest of Mr. Huntington, and continued as a partner until January 1, 1895, since which time Mr. Conevery has carried on the enterprise alone. On December 9, 1880, Mr. Conevery married Helen Bullard, a daughter of M. S. and Mariette Bullard, of Wellsboro. Two children, a daughter, Mary, and a son, Robert G., have been born to them. In politics, Mr. Conevery is a Democrat, and in the presidential campaign of 1896,

his paper gave Bryan and Sewall and the Chicago platform, able, earnest and unswerving support, and especially that plank of the platform which declared for the free coinage of silver. Under Mr. Conevery's management the *Gazette* has acquired a well-deserved reputation as an ably-edited and well-conducted newspaper. Its editorials are strongly written and party and public questions are dealt with in a fearless manner. Local news from all parts of the county is industriously gathered, the *Gazette* being especially noted for the excellence of its local news department. Being the only outspoken Democratic paper in the county, it has a large circulation, and is regarded as one of the leading Democratic journals of the northern tier. Mr. Conevery is a member of Alert Hose Company, and also of the K. of P. and K. O. T. M. societies.

SAMUEL MORGAN, SR., born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1803, was educated in the common schools, and learned the blacksmith's trade in his native county, which he followed there until 1837. In that year he came to Tioga county and located at Covington, then a hamlet of only a few buildings, called "The Corners," where he followed his trade for seven years. He then purchased a farm in the Frost settlement, and followed farming in connection with his trade until 1855, when he sold the farm and removed to Round Top, Charleston township; bought a property, and followed blacksmithing, lumbering and farming, up to his death, February 10, 1875. Mr. Morgan was married in 1824, to Ann Kimble, a daughter of Albert and Hannah Kimble. Ten children were born to this union, eight of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, as follows: Sarah A., wife of Jesse Bryant, of Charleston township; H. Elizabeth, deceased wife of Jonathan Everetts; Daniel M., of Olean, New York; William M., who died in a southern prison during the Rebellion, from a gun-shot wound; Jonathan V., of Wellsboro; Seth, a farmer in Arkansas; Samuel, a resident of Charleston township, and Ephraim, deceased. With the exception of the last mentioned, all of the sons were soldiers in the Union army, and all but Samuel served from the beginning to the close of the war. Mrs. Morgan died in 1872. Mr. Morgan was a member of the Baptist church in early life, but later united with the Wesleyan Methodist church, in which faith he died.

JONATHAN V. MORGAN, ex-treasurer of Tioga county, was born in Covington township, Tioga county, March 1, 1838; was reared upon a farm, and was educated in the public schools and at Wellsboro Academy. On April 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, First Pennsylvania Reserve, known as "The Bucktails." He was taken prisoner at Gaines' Hill, June 28, 1862, and was confined in Libby, Castle Thunder and Belle Isle prisons, and later paroled, and rejoined his regiment at Alexandria, Virginia. With the exception of the period when he was a prisoner, he served in all the engagements in which his regiment participated. He was wounded at Gettysburg, and was several times promoted for gallant and meritorious conduct on the battle-field. He commanded his company through most of the Wilderness Campaign, as first sergeant, and was first lieutenant by brevet when his regiment was mustered out of service, in June, 1864. Mr. Morgan then returned to Tioga county, and resumed farming in Charleston township. He was married February 25, 1869, to Melvina L. Shumway, a daughter of Joseph J. and Margaret C. (Peake) Shumway, of Charleston township. Mrs. Morgan had three brothers: Charles L.,

Hiram P. and William P. Charles L., was a soldier in the Civil War, and died August 22, 1864. Hiram P. is a resident of Olean, New York, and William P. is dead. Politically, Mr. Morgan is an unswerving Republican. He served two terms as township treasurer, two terms as supervisor, and one as school director. In 1887 he was elected a jury commissioner, in which office he served three years, and in the fall of 1892 he was elected county treasurer, which position he filled in an acceptable manner until January, 1896. Mr. Morgan is a member of Tyoga Lodge, No. 230, I. O. O. F., also of George Cook Post, G. A. R., of Wellsboro. He has held all the important offices in the latter, and has been state aid-de-camp two terms. He is a member of the Union Veteran Legion, and the Association of Prisoners, and takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the old veterans.

JAMES L. WHITE, ex-postmaster of Wellsboro, is a son of the late Judge Robert G. White, and was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, October 23, 1849. He was educated in the High School, and when eighteen years of age went to California and worked two years in the silver mines. Returning to Wellsboro, he clerked for C. C. Mathers six years, and in the spring of 1876 he was appointed inspector of customs at Philadelphia. In the spring of 1877, he and his brother Frank purchased a grocery store in Wellsboro, and one year later he bought his brother's interest. He conducted the business until 1883, when he bought out the store of F. K. Wright, consolidated the two stores, and carried on merchandising until 1884, when he was burned out. He immediately re-stocked his store, and then sold the business to Saxton, Seely & Company, in the fall of 1886. In the autumn of 1889 he went to Pittsburg, where he acted as state agent for the Edison phonograph for one year, returning to Wellsboro in the fall of 1890. In 1891 he was appointed postmaster of Wellsboro, which position he occupied four years, and is now holding the responsible position of cashier of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. Mr. White was married November 24, 1875, to Adelaide Wilbur, a daughter of Col. Aaron Wilbur, of Savannah, Georgia, and has three children, viz: Adelaide Louise, Sarah Bache and Mary Wilbur. The family attend the Protestant Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. White is a Republican, and has been a member of the school board, president of the board of education, and a member of the borough council. He is connected with the F. & A. M., and is Past Commander of the Knights Templar.

HORACE A. DEANS was born in Montrose, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1824. His father, James Deans, was a native of Lebanon county, Connecticut, born in 1794, and removed with his parents to Montrose when ten years of age. He there learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for many years. In 1819 he married Abigail Cornwall, and reared two sons, Horace A. and Willis B., the latter a merchant of Montrose. Horace was reared in his native town, and there commenced his business career. He enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, served nine months, and then re-enlisted in the Signal Service, and was stationed at Georgetown Heights until the close of the war. Returning to Montrose, he worked at paper hanging, painting and carpentering until his death, in July, 1877. He married Frances E. Stroud, March 29, 1848, and reared two sons, Frank A., of Wellsboro, and Edward C., a resident of Scranton.

FRANK A. DEANS was born in Bridgewater township, Susquehanna county, January 22, 1849, and is the eldest son of Horace A. Deans. He spent his boyhood days in Hyde Park, Lackawanna county, where he was educated in the graded school. When fifteen years of age he entered a printing office in Montrose, where he worked for two years. He subsequently clerked in the postoffice in that town for two years, and then engaged with C. M. Crandall, of Montrose, to learn the turner's trade, at which he spent three years. He later entered the insurance office of Billings' Stroud, and on June 1, 1870, came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, to clerk in the land office of the Bingham estate. He occupied that position until Mr. Simpson's death, April 15, 1893, when he succeeded him as agent of the trustees of said estate. Mr. Deans was married December 9, 1873, to Mary E. Guernsey, a daughter of H. A. Guernsey. He is a member of Tyoga Lodge, No. 230, and Wellsboro Encampment, No. 78, I. O. O. F. For the past twenty years he has been Scribe of the lodge, and has filled the chair in both branches. He is also colonel of the Second Pennsylvania Regiment of Patriarchs Militant. He is a member of Ossea Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M.; Tyoga Chapter, No. 194, R. A. M., and Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, K. T. Mr. Deans is the leader of Wellsborough's Military Band, which owes its present efficiency to his efforts. He was also a leading spirit in the organization of the Alert Hose Company, and has ever been active in promoting the best interests of the borough.

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Tabor Williams, was born in Tioga, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1859. His parents removed to Wellsboro when our subject was less than one year old, and he there grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools. When sixteen years of age he commenced clerking in the store of C. C. Mathers, and later clerked for Young & Miller. He was next employed in the commissioners' office by Leonard Harrison, at the time he was commissioners' clerk. On January 1, 1880, he accepted a position as clerk in the office of the Bingham estate where he has since been employed. Mr. Williams has taken considerable interest in public affairs, has served as a member of the borough council, and also as burgess of Wellsboro, and at different times has been chairman of the Republican county committee. He was married March 12, 1883, to Ida A. Horton, a daughter of Capt. A. B. Horton, formerly of Wellsboro, and has two children, Clinton T. and Joseph H.

WILLIAM E. CHAMPAIGN, sheriff of Tioga county, was born at Cedar Run, Brown township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1861, son of Peter B. and Hannah (Sechrist) Champaign. His father was a native of Soriel, which is located at the mouth of the outlet of Lake Champlain, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, while his mother was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. His father served in the Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and is now a resident of Elk township. William E. was reared in Lycoming and Tioga counties, and has been a permanent resident of this county since his seventh year. He obtained a common school education and labored at lumbering until after his majority. In 1886 he engaged in the life and fire insurance business, which he still carries on in connection with his duties as sheriff. Mr. Champaign married Emma N. Neal, daughter of Daniel Neal, September 12, 1884, and has two children, Nellie and Earle. The family are Presbyterians. He is an ardent Re-

publican, and has always taken an active part in local politics. He was postmaster at Gaines for two years; was elected sheriff of Tioga county in 1894, and was a delegate to the State Convention in 1896. Mr. Champaign is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order, and is one of the popular officials of Tioga county.

MILFORD H. STEBBINS was born at Sabinsville, Tioga county, September 3, 1860, and is the eldest child of Elijah H. Stebbins. He was reared and educated in his native township, and later attended the Knoxville graded school, and Woodhull Academy, at Woodhull, New York, where he passed a regent's examination. When eighteen years of age he began assisting his father in the store and lumber business, and at his father's death he took charge of the same. In December, 1883, he bought his uncle's interest in the lumber business, and was made guardian for the other heirs. He conducted the business under this arrangement until April, 1884, when the estate was divided, he and his brother George taking the mill property, the store having burned in 1881. They conducted the business up to 1886, in which year he purchased his brother's interest and operated the mill until its destruction by fire in 1893. In November, 1890, Mr. Stebbins was elected a county commissioner, on the Republican ticket, and removed to Wellsboro in January, 1891. He also served as auditor of Clymer township for ten years, assessor one term, assistant assessor two terms, and census enumerator in 1890. Upon the expiration of his term as county commissioner in January, 1894, he formed a partnership with C. N. Butts, of Sabinsville, and has since been engaged in contracting for stone and brick work, bridges, pile driving, etc. He is also proprietor of the Wellsboro Cigar Factory, where he is engaged in the manufacture of cigars for the trade, and is an active, energetic and enterprising business man. On January 19, 1879, he married Addie C. Newton, a daughter of Moses and Sally Newton, of Sabinsville, and is the father of five children, as follows: Gordon E., Clayton M., Hugh W., Ila, deceased, and Arland E. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Stebbins is a member of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M.; Westfield Chapter, No. 265; Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, and Wellsboro Lodge, No. 374, K. of P.

FRANCIS BEAUGE, a wine merchant of Paris, France, came to the United States in 1836, and located on a farm near Utica, New York. Three years later he removed to Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a farm and resided until his death in August, 1862. His wife, whose maiden name was Marie Moucours, was also a native of France. Two children were born to them: Hippolyte, since deceased, and Eugene, a resident of Wellsboro. Mrs. Beauge survived her husband over thirty years, dying May 30, 1893.

EUGENE BEAUGE was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, March 26, 1840, and is the only living child of Francis and Marie Beauge. He was reared on the homestead farm, and attended the common schools of his district. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, was later promoted to sergeant, and served with his regiment until the close of the war. He participated in most of the battles and long marches for which the regiment was noted, and was honorably discharged July 17, 1865. Returning to Tioga county, he soon after entered Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, where he graduated in April, 1866. He then purchased a farm in Charleston township, and followed



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farming up to 1884, when he was appointed clerk in the commissioners' office. Removing to Wellsboro, he purchased his present home the following year. He had resigned the office of county auditor to accept that of commissioners' clerk. After retiring from the commissioners' office in 1884, Mr. Beauge resumed the management of his farm in Charleston, though continuing to reside in Wellsboro. He was again elected county auditor in 1890, and re-elected in 1893 and in 1896. He also served as clerk of Charleston township for ten years, and has been one of the active workers of the Republican party since the war. Mr. Beauge married Lucy Culver, a daughter of Joel and Sarah Culver, of Charleston township, to which union have been born three children, viz: Frank L., manager of the W. W. Bradbury Company's store, at Landrus; Frederick E., book-keeper for the Union Tanning Company, at Hoytville, and A. Naomi. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Beauge is a member of George Cook Post, No. 315, G. A. R., and of Encampment No. 105, U. V. L., both of Wellsboro.

FRANK L. BEAUGE, eldest son of Eugene and Lucy Beauge, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, July 28, 1870, and obtained his education in the schools of that township and Wellsboro. On March 2, 1893, he married Eva Wheeler, a daughter of B. F. Wheeler, of Marsh Creek, Tioga county. After serving nearly two years as clerk in the general store of Hoyt Brothers, at Hoytville, he accepted the position of manager of the W. W. Bradbury Company's store, at Landrus, in August, 1893, which he still holds. As a business man, he has proven himself thorough, capable and competent, and is popular with the patrons of the store. In politics, Mr. Beauge is a Republican, and in religion, an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also a member of the P. O. S. of A., of Hoytville.

THOMAS T. REES, a son of William T. and Margaret (Roberts) Rees, and grandson of Thomas Rees, was born in South Wales, December 8, 1852. His parents died when Thomas T. was quite young, leaving him and one brother, Evan, to the care of strangers. The latter is now a land agent in South Wales. Two years after his parents' death, Thomas T. was sent to the United States to his uncles, Robert, Hugh, William and John Roberts, who had immigrated some thirty years before, locating in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. Soon after his arrival, his five uncles enlisted in the Union army. Four of them were killed in the war, John alone returning. Our subject lived with the latter at Pittston, Luzerne county, up to 1868, and worked in a lumber yard. In 1870 he came to Morris Run, Tioga county, and worked in the mines for eleven years, afterwards serving as a clerk in the post-office at Morris Run two years. He was then appointed to the position of paster and folder in the State printing office at Harrisburg, where he worked for two years, and was then taken sick and returned to Morris Run, where he continued to reside, though unable to do any work for the following three years. In 1888, after recovering from his serious illness, he was appointed ticket and express agent for the Erie railroad at Morris Run. Resigning this position in January, 1892, he came to Wellsboro to accept the office of deputy sheriff, which he filled during Sheriff Irvin's term. On November 19, 1872, Mr. Rees married Anna Price, of Morris Run, who has borne him six children, viz: Evan, William, Elmer, May, (the last two died in infancy), Margaret and Horace Packer. In politics, Mr. Rees is a Re-

publican, and the family attend the Baptist church. He is a member of Ossea Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M., and Tioga Lodge, No. 304, K. of P.

FRANK WATKINS, chief clerk in the commissioners' office, was born in Athens township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1842, and is a son of John and Mary (Green) Watkins. His paternal grandparents were from Connecticut, where his grandfather, Maj. William Watkins, was born in 1753. He was an officer in the Continental army, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. He died in Athens township, Bradford county, whither he had removed from Connecticut, November 17, 1828, in his seventy-sixth year. Major Watkins' wife, Lois, was born in 1760, and died July 30, 1851, at the ripe old age of ninety-one years. They were the parents of five children, John, the father of our subject, being the youngest. He was born in Connecticut, January 6, 1789, married Betsey Green, in Bradford county, April 11, 1813, and reared a family of thirteen children, only five of whom survive. The mother died July 7, 1839, in her forty-seventh year, and her husband was again married, December 22, 1840, to Mrs. Mary Green, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, born July 20, 1797. One son, Frank, the subject of this sketch, was born to this union. The mother died November 26, 1863, in her sixty-seventh year, and the father, March 23, 1869, in the eighty-first year of his age. Frank was reared upon his father's farm, where he spent the first twenty-one years of his life, sharing the common lot of a farmer's son. He obtained such education as he could in the common school, supplemented by two or three terms at the Athens Academy. In 1864 he completed a course of study at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, and for the following year was book-keeper for Gardner & Inslee, produce commission merchants, of New York City. He then learned the paper maker's trade, which he worked at five years, principally in Waverly, New York. On July 6, 1867, he married Miss Nettie Courtright, of Waverly, by whom he has two sons, Willis P. and Albert J., and two daughters, Ina M. and Myrtie D. In the year 1870 he removed to Wellsboro, Tioga county, where he has since resided. His wife, Nettie, died November 2, 1884, in her thirty-fifth year. On October 27, 1885, he married Mrs. Anna C. English, to which union have been born two sons, Francis M. and Leon Erland. In 1882 he entered the office of the county commissioners as assistant clerk, and by industry and strict attention to the affairs of the office attained the chief clerkship, which position he is now filling. Mr. Watkins' long period of continual service has proven him to be a faithful official, and an invaluable assistant to the commissioners. He has been borough auditor for three years, which office he has filled with satisfaction and credit to himself. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the P. of H. In politics, a Republican, he has always given his earnest support to the principles, measures and candidates of that party.

ORRIN BLAIR was born on Russell Mountain, Massachusetts, December 28, 1825, a son of Nathan and Sally (Tyrrell) Blair, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. They were the parents of thirteen children, Orrin being the tenth in the family. The father was a physician, and died in 1849, aged seventy-two years. His widow survived until 1866, and died at the home of her son Orrin, aged seventy-eight years. In 1837 Orrin's brother, James, who was born in Massachusetts in 1811, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and bought a farm in Delmar

township. Soon after he contracted consumption, and in 1840 Orrin came on to take care of him. After the death of James, Orrin purchased a farm, and lived upon it up to his death in 1895. He received his early education in his native State, and later attended the Wellsboro Academy. Though he worked a portion of his time as a carpenter, he made farming his principal occupation. He owned 169 acres near the northwest corner of the borough, and made dairying a specialty. On April 2, 1849, Mr. Blair married Louisa Hiltbold, a daughter of Jacob and Abigail (Johnson) Hiltbold. She was born February 1, 1831, and is the mother of five children, viz: Mary Ellen, wife of Alphonso Spencer; James O., a farmer in Delmar; Lewis M., residing on the old homestead; Sherman L., baggage master at the Fall Brook station, and William E., principal of the Tioga graded schools. Mrs. Blair is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which faith Mr. Blair lived and died. In politics, he was a Republican, filled the office of supervisor, and was poormaster of Delmar township the year the poor house was erected. Mr. Blair was one of the successful and prominent farmers of this section.

CHARLES AVERY was born in Eaton, Madison county, New York, in 1800, a son of Constant Avery. He was reared on a farm, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1824, purchasing a farm of 160 acres in Chatham township, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, January 14, 1875. He married Sophia Cloos, a daughter of Newbury Cloos, a pioneer of Deerfield township, Tioga county. Ten children were born to this union, viz: Constant, of Chatham township; Esther, wife of Matt Ashton, of Livingston county, New York; Cyrus W., of Wellsboro; William, deceased; Deruyter, of Chatham township; Miranda, wife of Frank Churchill, of Middlebury; Leonidas, a resident of Ansonia; Albert, deceased; Mary, wife of Jefferson West, of Middlebury, and John, who died in early youth. Mrs. Avery died on January 14, 1875, one hour before her husband, quite a remarkable coincidence, after a married life of nearly half a century. Politically, Mr. Avery was a Democrat in early life, and later a Free Soiler. He served as collector of Chatham township for ten years, and was one of the respected citizens of that locality.

CYRUS W. AVERY, second son of Charles Avery, was born in Chatham township, Tioga county, February 10, 1833, attended the common schools in boyhood, and worked on his father's farm until twenty-five years of age. For the succeeding fifteen years he worked on his own farm in Chatham township in summer time and in the lumber woods in winter. In 1882 he sold his farm in Chatham and bought his present farm in the suburbs of Wellsboro, containing seventy-six acres, where he has since followed agriculture. On February 16, 1859, Mr. Avery married Jane Spencer, a daughter of Aurora and Catherine (Conklin) Spencer. Her father was born in 1808, and died July 14, 1862. Her mother was born in 1810, and died January 29, 1876. Mrs. Avery was born January 30, 1840, and is the mother of two children, viz: Ida R., wife of Francis Andrews, of Wellsboro, and Jennie M., wife of John Fisher, of Marsh Creek. Mr. Avery and wife are members of the Second Advent church, and in politics, he is independent. He served as supervisor of Chatham township one term.

ADAM A. KLOCK was born in Manheim, Herkimer county, New York, January 28, 1800, a son of Adam Klock, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1835.

He purchased a farm in Charleston township, on which he resided up to his death, December 13, 1875. He married Nancy, a daughter of John Hart, of Herkimer county, New York, who survived him until March 17, 1884, dying at the age of seventy-nine years. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Jesse, who recently died in Oregon; Jeremiah, a retired farmer of Wellsboro; Irene, deceased wife of Waldo May; Margaret, widow of Charles Brown; John A., who lives in Illinois; Edwin, a resident of Covington, Tioga county; Henry H., who resides in Kansas; Andrew, of Wellsboro; Hiram, who lives in Elmira, and Lizzie, wife of George D. Brooks, of Charleston township.

JEREMIAH KLOCK, retired farmer, was born in Herkimer county, New York, May 5, 1824, and is the second son of Adam A. Klock. He was reared upon a farm, and when twenty-two years of age purchased 112 acres of land in Charleston township, upon which he settled. He added to his first purchase from time to time until he owned 356 acres in the same township, and continued agricultural pursuits up to 1872, when he was compelled to give up work on account of ill health. He sold his lands in Charleston township, and in the spring of 1875 purchased his present home in Wellsboro, where he has lived since the autumn of 1877. Mr. Klock was married October 30, 1845, to Maria Abrams, daughter of Nelson Abrams. She was born December 8, 1826, and is the mother of five children, viz: Nelson V., a resident of Elmira; Jennie D., wife of Russell Ely, of Charleston township; Milan L., of Wellsboro; Clara E., wife of Sterry E. Kimball, of Charleston township, and Nancy E., deceased wife of William H. Smith, of the same township. Mr. Klock is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his wife of the Christian church. In politics, a Republican, he served as auditor of Charleston township for six years.

MILAN L. KLOCK, stock dealer, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, March 14, 1852, a son of Jeremiah Klock. He was reared on the homestead farm, and obtained a public school education. When twenty-one years old he commenced working the home farm on his own account, and followed farming four years. He then went to Antrim and carried on a meat market four years, and while there bought a farm of 140 acres in Delmar township, four miles from Wellsboro, which he has since cultivated. In December, 1883, he came to Wellsboro, where he had previously purchased his present home, and engaged in the live stock business, which he has followed ever since. He later took in as partner E. M. Johnson, which business connection continued up to the spring of 1894, when Mr. Klock withdrew and formed a partnership with J. C. Bradley, under the firm name of Bradley & Klock, contractors in all kinds of stone work. Mr. Klock was married September 18, 1877, to Harriet C. Peake, a daughter of Willis Peake, of Charleston township, and has one son, Leon. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Klock is a member of the K. of P. Politically, a Republican, he was a member of the council from 1888 to 1891, was appointed assessor in February, 1888, was elected to the same office in 1889, and re-elected in 1892 and 1895.

JAMES L. ROBB, youngest child of John C. and Susan Robb, was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1842. He was reared on the homestead farm and was educated in the common schools and at Iron City Commercial College, Pittsburg. On January 16, 1865, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Ninety-fourth New York Volunteers, and served with the rank of

second lieutenant until mustered out the following June. After leaving the army he went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and for nearly a year had charge of the force engaged in painting and finishing the stations from Omaha to North Platte, a distance of 600 miles. Returning to Farmington township, he purchased the homestead from his father and devoted his attention to farming, shipping hay, live-stock, etc., being for eight years a member of the firm of Mather & Robb. His partner was C. S. Mather, of Elmira, New York, whose interest he purchased in 1892. Mr. Robb resided on his farm until October, 1895, when he purchased his present residence in Wellsboro. He is the owner of a fine farm in Farmington, embracing nearly 400 acres of land, and is one of the largest shippers of hay, live-stock and farm produce in Tioga county, owning seven store-houses on the line of the Fall Brook railroad. On January 3, 1870, Mr. Robb married Helen S. Sheives, a daughter of Albert Sheives, of Job's Corners, Tioga county. Three children have been born to this union, viz: Levi S., Casner J., and Ada, the last of whom died in infancy. Politically, Mr. Robb is an ardent Republican. In religion, he is a member of the Presbyterian church. A man of commendable public spirit, sound business methods and persistent industry, he can safely be classed as one of the successful business men of his native county.

EZRA POTTER, a native of Rhode Island, born in 1800, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in company with a party of settlers from his State, among them being his older brother, Stephen Potter, in 1817, and later assisted in cutting a road through the forest from the site of Westfield borough to that of Potter Brook, where the family purchased land and located in 1818. Ezra Potter married Eunice Swede, and reared a family of seven children by this marriage, viz: Stephen A., John W., deceased; Almon A., a resident of Brookfield; Hiram E., of Wellsboro; Matilda A., wife of George W. Peckham; Adeline, wife of Hiram W. Dartt, and Ezra H., a publisher of Nyack, New York. Mrs. Potter died in 1835, aged thirty-four years, and he was again married to Eunice Stebbins, who bore him two children, viz: Eunice, wife of King Towner, of Elmira, New York, and Nancy, wife of Noah Close, of Westfield, Tioga county. Mr. Potter died in 1883.

HIRAM E. POTTER was born in Chatham township, Tioga county, January 9, 1828, and is the fourth child of Ezra and Eunice (Swede) Potter. He was reared on a farm, attended the district schools in boyhood, and when seventeen years of age began working out as a farm hand. The next year he went to learn the carpenter's trade, which business he followed ten years. He then purchased a farm of 320 acres in Deerfield township, upon which he lived seventeen years. Removing to Middlebury township he resided there eight years, and in 1876 bought his present home in Wellsboro, where he has since lived, though unable to work because of rheumatism. Mr. Potter was married May 28, 1856, to Angela D. Potter, who died in May, 1884. In March, 1885, he married Mrs. Mary Westbrook, nee Butler. He is a member of the Baptist church, and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, he is a Republican, and is also connected with the I. O. O. F. society.

LOUIS BRILL, a native of Germany, came with his parents to the United States about 1835, being then about five years old. He afterwards worked for a period in Philadelphia, and came to Tioga county in 1848, locating on the site of the present

village of Morris, near the mouth of Wilson creek. He followed lumbering there for a few years and then removed to Brown township, Lycoming county. In 1864 he returned to Tioga county and located on the land now occupied by the Brunswick Tannery, at Hoytville. Here he remained until 1874, when he removed into Delmar township, four miles south of Wellsboro. In 1878 he went to Kansas, remaining until 1880, when he and his family returned to Tioga county and settled three miles south of Wellsboro, where he died July 22, 1881, aged fifty-two years. Mr. Brill was married in June, 1854, to Elizabeth Harrison, a daughter of John Harrison, an early settler of Lycoming county. Eight children were the fruits of this union, viz: Sarah J., who died in infancy; Louis, who was drowned when eight years old; George, Mary A., deceased; John F., Emma, deceased; Cora E., wife of John W. Lloyd, of Wellsboro, and Catherine H., wife of J. W. Smith, of Galeton, Potter county. George was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, February 21, 1859, and John F. in Lycoming county, January 24, 1863, but were reared in Tioga county until 1878, when they went to Kansas with their parents, whence the family returned to Tioga county two years later. In 1884 the Brill brothers purchased their present farm of 100 acres in the northwestern part of Wellsboro, where they have since resided with their mother. They rank among the reputable farmers of the county. In politics, they are Republicans.

LYMAN COLES was born June 1, 1806, in Chenango county, New York, received a common school education, and became a farmer and lumberman. He married Electa Sellick, in Smithville, Chenango county, New York. She was a daughter of Capt. James Sellick, a soldier of the War of 1812, the canteen carried by him during that conflict being now the treasured possession of his grandson, W. R. Coles, of Wellsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Coles were the parents of three children: James S., deceased; Mandeville S., a merchant of Stony Fork, and W. R., of Wellsboro. Mr. Coles came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1864, whither he had been preceded by his sons, then in business at Stony Fork. Here he located and lived retired, having previously accumulated a competence by years of active industry. He died December 25, 1886. His wife, who was born December 29, 1814, died November 2, 1885.

WILLIAM RILEY COLES, youngest son of Lyman and Electa (Sellick) Coles, was born in Smithville, Chenango county, New York, November 11, 1841, where he received a common school education. He came to Delmar township, Tioga county, in 1862, but did not take up his residence here until the following year, when he became a partner with his brothers in a store at Stony Fork. They continued together until 1865, when the subject of this sketch took charge of the hotel at Stony Fork, which he conducted until 1868. He then engaged in lumbering and in 1871 built a steam saw-mill, the first in that section, just below Stony Fork. This he operated until August, 1872, when he came to Wellsboro and purchased the livery stable on Pearl street, now owned by Samuel E. Smith. He was actively connected with the stable for five years, and retained an interest in it until 1888. In 1877 he became a partner with his brother, James S., in the management of the Coles House, previously known as the Bunnell House, the firm being J. S. & W. R. Coles. Here he remained until 1882, when he went to Tioga and took charge of the Park Hotel, which he managed for nearly five years. In 1887 he went to Los Angeles, California, where he remained for a short time. After keeping hotel for a year in Gilroy,

and spending about a year in San Francisco, in business, he returned to Tioga county in 1890 and leased the hotel in Elkland, now known as the Sandbach House, which he conducted until November, 1893. He then came to Wellsboro, and succeeded his brother, James S.,—who died two months later—as landlord of the Coles House, formerly known as the Parkhurst House. On August 1, 1896, Mr. Coles bought this property of the estate of the late Charles L. Pattison, and has since spent considerable money in repairing and improving it. Mr. Coles was married February 14, 1861, to Lydia A. Knickerbocker, a daughter of Jared Knickerbocker, of Smithville. She became the mother of two children, viz: Dora E., widow of William H. Roberts, of Wellsboro, and Flora D., wife of Mark Wetherbee, of Brocton, Chautauqua county, New York. Mrs. Coles died October 5, 1876, aged thirty-seven years. On September 22, 1892, he married Miss Nellie Manning. In politics, Mr. Coles is a Republican. He is a member of Ossea Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M.; Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, K. T., and Elkland Lodge, No. 800, I. O. O. F.

HENRY SMITH was born in Orange county, New York, January 18, 1834, and died in Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1896. He was a son of Samuel B. and Hiley (Caskey) Smith, natives of New York state, where both died. Henry was reared in his native county, there attended the common schools, and when eighteen years of age became a member of the firm of Masterson & Smith, and engaged in the manufacture of wheelbarrows. At the end of eighteen months he entered the employ of the New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad as an oil man, but after six weeks was promoted to assistant conductor, which position he filled two years. He was then made conductor of a freight train and worked as such up to 1865 when he was promoted to the conductorship of a passenger train, which he held continuously until 1886. In that year he went to Danville, Illinois, ran a railroad restaurant for eight months, and then located in Horseheads, New York, where he operated a brickyard four years. On January 8, 1891, he came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, and in partnership with a Mr. Austin purchased the livery stables of M. L. Klock. The firm of Smith & Austin carried on the business up to April, 1893, when Mr. Smith bought out his partner and conducted the business alone until the time of his death. In 1862 he married Helen M. Everett, a daughter of Bennett Everett, of Orange county, New York. She is the mother of two children, Alice E., wife of W. D. Reynolds, of Horseheads, New York, and Samuel E., who has had charge of the livery stables since the death of his father. Mr. Smith was a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, and also of the Knights of Honor. Of a quiet, retiring disposition, he mixed very little in public affairs, devoting his whole attention to the prosecution of his business. His life was one of steady, persistent industry, and was marked by strict integrity and a high sense of business honor.

FRANK S. DUNKLE, proprietor of the Wilcox House, was born in Hublersburg, Centre county, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1855, a son of Michael and Julia (Carner) Dunkle, natives of this State. His father was a blacksmith, and followed that trade the greater portion of his life. Michael Dunkle's family consisted of eleven children, seven of whom are living, viz: John, a hotel-keeper in Ridgway; Julia, widow of John W. Bailey, of Wellsboro; William, a hotel clerk at Jersey Shore; Fremont, a resident of Beech Creek; Frank S., of Wellsboro; Forest, a hotel-keeper of Jersey Shore, and Annie, who resides at Beech Creek. Frank S. was reared and educated in his

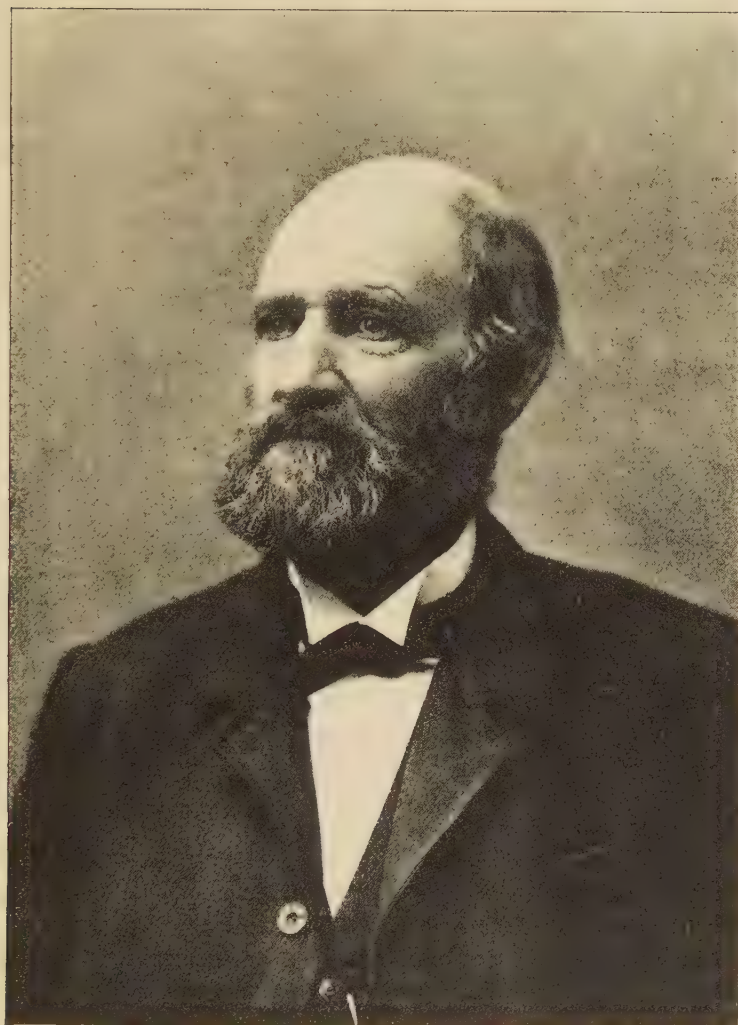
native town, and when seventeen years of age began clerking in a hotel at Jersey Shore, which position he filled for five years. He then located at Beech Creek, and later took a contract to build a portion of the Beech Creek railroad. He also served as a constable while there. In the spring of 1884 he came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, and conducted the pool and billiard room in the Coles House five years, and then went to Jersey Shore, where he carried on the Junction House for fifteen months, the Globe Hotel for one year, and the Hotel Dunkle eighteen months. On November 1, 1892, he returned to Wellsboro to take charge of the Wilcox House, which he has since conducted successfully. Mr. Dunkle was married in March, 1893, to Miss Anna Jackson, a daughter of John Jackson, of Wellsboro, and has one son, Donald Ross. Mr. Dunkle is a member of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

DELMAR TOWNSHIP.

DANIEL HARVEY BACON was born in Farmington, Litchfield county, Connecticut, about the year 1764, and was a son of Daniel Bacon, a grandson of Daniel Bacon, and a great-grandson of Daniel Bacon, Sr., who came from England to America prior to the Revolution and settled in Middletown, Connecticut. Daniel H. married Lydia Ellis, a native of Massachusetts, at Owego, New York, where he located about the year 1796. Seven children were the fruits of this union, viz: Chauncey, Oliver, Hannah, Nancy, Lewis, Chloe and Daniel. Mrs. Bacon died, and he was again married, to Mary Zuber, who bore him five children, viz: Caleb, John, Lucy, Hector and Homer. Mr. Bacon and family came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, and located on Marsh creek, then within the limits of Delmar township. He remained there five years, and in 1820 purchased the farm on which his grandson, Oliver, now lives. On this farm he spent the remaining years of his life, dying in 1850.

OLIVER BACON, second son of Daniel Harvey and Lydia (Ellis) Bacon, was born in Candor, Tioga county, New York, in 1801, and came with his parents to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, when fourteen years of age, where he grew to manhood. He married Catherine Houghton, a daughter of Simeon Houghton, and settled on the farm in Delmar township purchased by his father in 1820. He reared the following children: Chauncey and Eunice, both deceased; Simeon, a farmer of Delmar; Eli, deceased; Ferris, a clerk in the railroad office at Newberry, Lycoming county; Daniel, deceased; Lydia, wife of George F. Butler, of Delmar; Esther, wife of James Vandergrift, of Delmar; Aseph, a resident of Missouri; Oliver, who lives upon the old homestead in Delmar, and Seth, a resident of Wellsboro. Mr. Bacon died upon his farm in Delmar, where the greater portion of his life was passed. His widow lives with her son Oliver. She was born in Otsego county, New York, August 26, 1805, and is one of the oldest residents in the township.

SIMEON BACON was born upon the Bacon farm, in Delmar township, Tioga county, June 12, 1830, and is the oldest living child of Oliver and Catherine Bacon. He obtained his education in the district schools of his native township, and with the exception of two years that he was engaged in operating a grist-mill, erected by himself in Delmar, he has devoted his whole attention to agricultural pursuits, owning a fine farm of 235 acres six miles southwest of Wellsboro. In 1864 he



Simeon Bacon

enlisted in Company K, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was honorably discharged from the service in June, 1865. On May 30, 1868, he married Frances Skelton, born July 8, 1841, in Wilberforce, England, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Skelton, and then located on his present farm, adjoining the old homestead. They have one daughter, May, now the wife of F. G. Nordstrom. Mrs. Bacon and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Bacon is a Republican, has served nine years as a school director, one year as auditor, and five years as justice of the peace. He is one of the substantial, enterprising farmers of his native township.

OLIVER BACON, JR., son of Oliver and Catherine Bacon, was born November 14, 1845, upon his present homestead in Delmar township, Tioga county. He was educated in the common schools, and has devoted his entire attention to farming pursuits. September 5, 1869, he married Elsie M. Bartle, a daughter of Andrew and Maria Bartle. She bore him one son, Walter A., born September 9, 1875, who married Addie Callahan. He is a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Bacon died January 29, 1877, and he was again married February 14, 1882, to Jennie Bunnell, a daughter of James and Eureka Bunnell, of Chenango county, New York. In politics, Mr. Bacon is a Republican, and has served as a school director for three years and assessor one year. He is the owner of a farm of 335 acres, 300 acres of which are under cultivation. By the application of approved and scientific methods in its cultivation, and the exercise of good judgment in its equipment, he has made it one of the model and profit-paying farms of the county. Mr. Bacon is a thorough business man, and attributes his success to a strict adherence to sound business principles in the management of his farm. He gives his personal attention to every detail, and as a result, every tilled acre is in the very best possible condition for profitable production. In 1894 he purchased a property in Wellsboro, where he intends spending the evening of a busy and successful life retired from the cares of business.

WILLIAM EBERENZ immigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1817, when he was but sixteen years of age, and soon after located in Tioga county. Here he married Mary Hoover, a daughter of Dr. Samuel Hoover, who lived near Wellsboro, and immediately settled on a tract of timber land which he purchased from Morris, paying \$1.50 an acre for it in county orders, which he earned by clearing up the public square in Wellsboro, then covered with timber and underbrush. The young couple were very industrious and practiced the most rigid economy. They reared a family of six children, viz: Mary, wife of Edwin Matson, Sr.; John, who was drowned when twenty-one years old; Canelia, deceased wife of Elisha Brown; Margaret, deceased wife of H. Guernsey; Charles, who died in 1882, and Caroline, wife of James H. Smith. The wilderness condition of the country may be realized by the reader of to-day when informed that Mrs. Eberenz used to say that she did not see the face of a white woman for three years after moving into their cabin. She made moccasins for her children out of deer skins, and the family knew only bear and deer meat, while their couch at night was composed of the skins of wild animals. No luxuries entered that humble cabin. Grain was scarce and flour hard to obtain. At that time the county contained less than 500 taxable inhabitants and Wellsboro had less than a dozen log houses. Mr. Eberenz was a sub-

stantial citizen and left to his son Charles one of the finest farms in Delmar. He was remarkable for his pleasant disposition and social qualities, and the quaint sayings and humorous anecdotes of "Uncle Billy Eberenz," as he was familiarly called, are well remembered by the older residents of Wellsboro. He spent three score years on the farm which he carved out of the forest with his own hands, and died May 31, 1880, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife died December 27, 1865, aged seventy years. They passed through the trials and vicissitudes of pioneer life, and when they died an abundance of the good things of life surrounded their home.

CHARLES EBERENZ was born on the Eberenz farm in Delmar township, Tioga county, youngest son of William Eberenz. He was reared upon the homestead, attended the common schools of the district in boyhood, and followed agriculture all his life. He married Sarah Brubaker, and reared three children, viz: Mary E., wife of John Brubaker; Julia, who died at the age of eighteen, and William B., of Delmar. Mr. Eberenz and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and both died in that faith. He was one of the active Democrats of his township, and always took a deep interest in public affairs.

WILLIAM B. EBERENZ was born on the old homestead in Delmar township, Tioga county, September 1, 1856, and is the youngest child of Charles Eberenz, and grandson of William Eberenz, the pioneer. He attended the common schools during his boyhood years, and has since devoted his attention to farming. He has been twice married. His first wife was Carrie D. Bartle, and bore him one daughter, Sarah, born October 27, 1883. Mrs. Eberenz died September 27, 1884, and on December 15, 1886, he married Lettie Kizer, a daughter of William Kizer, of Wellsboro, who has borne him two children, viz: Harold, born April 24, 1889, and Florence Ione, born November 8, 1895. The Eberenz farm, containing 280 acres, is one of the model farms of Delmar, and Mr. Eberenz carries on a dairy in connection therewith. In politics, he is an ardent Democrat, and one of the respected farmers of the township.

ZENAS FIELD, a native of Massachusetts, born March 1, 1776, came from Vermont to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1817, and purchased 154 acres of land in Delmar township. Building his cabin in the midst of the primitive forest he went bravely to work to make a home for himself and family. He was a stonemason and worked at his trade in connection with his farm duties. He was married in Vermont to Polly Follett, who bore him a family of seven children, viz: Eliphas, Isaac F., Roxeylana, Moses D., Nelson and Mary, all of whom are dead, and Lucinda, deceased wife of Charles Billings, of Nebraska. Mr. Field and wife continued to live on the homestead in Delmar until their death.

ISAAC F. FIELD, son of Zenas Field, was born in Vermont, August 9, 1805, and came with his parents to Delmar township, Tioga county, when about twelve years old. He assisted them in clearing and improving the old homestead, which became his property at their death. He married Catherine McCarty, and reared three children, viz: Daniel, of Delmar; Rispa, wife of Charles M. Dartt, of Kansas City, Missouri, and Everett, who died at the age of eighteen. Mr. Field continued to reside in Delmar up to his death, in 1878; his wife died in November, 1885.

DANIEL FIELD, only living son of Isaac F. Field, and grandson of Zenas Field,

was born in Delmar township, May 1, 1824. He was reared on the homestead, obtained his education in the common schools, and has followed farming and lumbering since early manhood. In 1857 he purchased from his father 150 acres of land southwest of Wellsboro, upon which he has since resided, but has sold off forty acres of the original tract. On July 14, 1852, he married Lovisa F. Webb, to which union have been born eleven children, viz: Wilbur L., of Wellsboro; Otis, who died at the age of twenty-three; Frank E., of Delmar; Ferdinand R., Orrin D., and Ransford W., all residents of Wellsboro; Arthur G., of Delmar; Harry B., weighmaster for the Fall Brook Railroad Company at Corning, New York; Perley W., who lives in Wellsboro; Minnie C., wife of Elwin Steele, of Delmar, and Vinnie C., who lives at home. Mr. Field is a member of the I. O. O. F. and also of the Grange. In politics, a Republican, he has filled the offices of supervisor, justice of the peace and collector.

FERDINAND R. FIELD was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, June 5, 1859, a son of Daniel Field. He was educated in the common schools, and for several years after arriving at manhood devoted his attention to farming in summer and working in the woods in the winter season. He also operated a threshing machine for six years. In 1890 he and S. L. Herrington built the Wellsboro Roller Mills, but in 1893 he sold his interest and engaged in mercantile business with W. A. Hammond, continuing it eighteen months. He has since followed farming and shipping, commencing the latter business several years ago. In July, 1896, his brother, Ransford W., became his partner, and the firm has since been F. R. & R. W. Field. On September 3, 1873, Mr. Field married Mary L. Mills, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Mills, of Round Top, Charleston township, and has one daughter, Addie M. Politically, he is a Republican, and has filled the offices of assessor, constable and collector of Delmar, holding the latter office from 1886 to 1890. In religion he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is connected with the I. O. O. F., both Lodge and Encampment, and also with the K. O. T. M. and the P. of H.

RANSFORD W. FIELD was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, June 23, 1861, and is a son of Daniel Field. He was reared on the home farm and obtained his education in the common schools of Delmar, the High School of Wellsboro and Williamsport Commercial College, from which he graduated in 1884. He taught school and farmed until January 1, 1895, when he was appointed a deputy sheriff, which position he filled until July 1, 1896, at which time he became a member of the present firm of F. R. & R. W. Field, wholesale dealers in hay, grain and general produce. Mr. Field was married April 26, 1887, to Jennie M. Roland, a daughter of H. C. and Sarah Roland, of Delmar, and has one son, Fay. In politics, he is a Republican, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the P. of H.

MOSES D. FIELD was born in Vermont, March 18, 1810, a son of Zenas and Polly Field, and was about seven years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He was reared on the homestead, and devoted his entire life to farming and lumbering, a portion of the time on the home farm settled by his father. He married Amy Walker, a daughter of Joseph and Loretta (Greene) Walker, November 9, 1834, and to them were born the following children: Delos and Ethan, both deceased; Darwin S., of Delmar; Charles, who resides in the west; George, of Lawrence township; Flora L., deceased; Henry, who lives in the west, and Herman, deceased. Amanda

M. Dewey was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Field when an infant, and is the wife of John Butler, of Delmar. Mr. Field died May 14, 1888. His widow resides with her son, Darwin S. The family are adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith Mr. Field lived and died. In politics, he was a Republican, and filled the office of constable, also collector, in Delmar.

DARWIN S. FIELD, oldest living child of Moses D. Field, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, July 13, 1842. He grew to manhood upon the homestead farm, and was educated in the common schools and Wellsboro Academy. He worked on the home farm and in the lumber woods until his majority, and then continued to cultivate rented farms on shares for sixteen years. In the meantime he had purchased his present farm in Delmar, and settled upon it in the spring of 1883. It is located at the southern limits of Wellsboro, and contains sixty-seven acres. Mr. Field has operated a threshing machine during the fall seasons for the past fourteen years, and also runs a hay press and power wood-saw. August 2, 1863, he married Lurania Torpy, a daughter of Joseph and Artemishia (Balch) Torpy, and has two children, viz: Stella J., wife of Delbert H. Darby, of Hoytville, and Ella M., wife of Charles Benauer, of Delmar township. Mr. and Mrs. Field are members of the Patrons of Husbandry, and he is also connected with the I. O. O. F., both Lodge and Encampment. In politics, a Republican, he has served as township supervisor two terms.

ALLEN BUTLER, a native of Vermont, born May 14, 1771, married Susanna Borden, of New Hampshire, and in 1817 came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled on the present Butler farm in Delmar township. Here he resided until his death, January 9, 1846. His wife died January 15, 1850. They were the parents of nine children, named as follows: Belinda, Betsey, Allen, Hartford, Wellman, Eunice, Dolly, Selden and Crete.

WELLMAN BUTLER was born in New Hampshire, October 29, 1801, a son of Allen and Susanna Butler. He was sixteen years old when the family came to this county, and the balance of his life was spent on the old homestead in Delmar township, where he devoted his entire attention to agriculture. In 1823 he married Nancy Rhoads, a native of New Hampshire, who bore him five children, viz: Wellman S., a resident of Nebraska; Nancy J., deceased wife of Benjamin Wilcox; John M., of Delmar township; George F., a resident of Stokesdale, and Daniel, who lives in the west. Mrs. Butler died July 30, 1834, and he was again married February 22, 1835, to Margaret M. Steel, who bore him two children: Harlon, deceased, and Margaret B., wife of Alva Kennedy, a resident of Minnesota. Mr. Butler and wife were members of the Free Will Baptist church, in which he filled the office of deacon. They died upon the old homestead in Delmar township.

JOHN M. BUTLER was born upon his present farm in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 15, 1830, attended the district schools in boyhood, and has always lived upon the same place. In early life he spent his winters in the lumber woods, and was well known as a pilot on the West Branch of the Susquehanna. With the exception of that period, he has devoted his whole attention to agricultural pursuits. The Butler farm contains 144 acres, and he makes dairying a specialty. Mr. Butler was married June 10, 1852, to Amanda M. Dewey, an adopted daughter of Moses D. Field, who has borne him four children, viz: Allen, Amy Adella, who married

Adelbert Warner, of Morris, and has one daughter, Grace; Charles G., who married Jennie Allen, and has had six children, Hazel, Dewain, Bernice, Ruth, one that died in infancy, and Fay J.; and Grace, wife of Miles Blackwell, of Blackwells, Tioga county, who has one son, Milon E. Mrs. Butler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and both she and her husband are connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. Their sons, Allen and Charles G., live upon the home farm and assist in its cultivation. In politics, the family are supporters of the Republican party.

SIMEON HOUGHTON, a native of Massachusetts, and by trade a carpenter, came to Otsego county, New York, where he followed his trade for some years. On April 10, 1818, he located on the present Houghton farm in Delmar township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, which was then covered with the primitive forest. He erected a cabin and began the work of making a home for himself and family. He had previously married Rachel Dean, who bore him a family of six children, viz: Catherine, widow of Oliver Bacon, who resides with her son Oliver in Delmar township; Ferris, Jemima, Jeremiah, Olive and Esther, all of whom are dead. Mr. and Mrs. Houghton passed the remaining years of their lives in this county.

JEREMIAH HOUGHTON, born in Otsego county, New York, April 10, 1813, came to Tioga county with his parents when five years old. He was reared on the farm in Delmar, and spent his entire life in this county on the same property, settled by his father in 1818. He married Susan F. Horton, a daughter of Thomas Horton, of Delmar, who bore him five children, viz: Charles, a wagonmaker at Tiadaghton; Sylvester, a wagonmaker in Wellsboro; Edgar, a resident of Morris; Thomas, of Delmar, and William L., who died at the age of twenty-seven years. Mr. Houghton was an active Republican, in politics, and both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. He was a justice of the peace for some twelve years, and died on his farm, April 30, 1886. His widow resides with her son Thomas in that township.

THOMAS HOUGHTON, youngest living child of Jeremiah Houghton, was born on his present homestead in Delmar township, Tioga county, April 23, 1847, there grew to manhood, and purchased the farm from his father in 1876, since which time he has devoted his attention to its cultivation. On October 9, 1888, he married Mary Vandergrift, a daughter of James Vandergrift, of Delmar, and has two children, Mazie and Blanche. Mrs. Houghton is a member of the Baptist church. In politics, Mr. Houghton is a Republican, and has filled the offices of township clerk and treasurer one term each. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the P. of H., in which he takes an active interest.

JOHN FELLOWS, a native of Connecticut, born in 1774, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1824, and purchased a farm near Wellsboro, where he resided until his death, in 1853, aged seventy-nine years. He married Edna Dabold, of Connecticut, who bore him seven children, viz: Erastus, Asahel, Edwin, Horace, Hulda, widow of David Heise, Merrit and Eliza. Mrs. Fellows died at the home of her daughter, Hulda, in 1876, aged ninety-three years.

ASAHEL FELLOWS was born in Canaan, Litchfield county, Connecticut, November 23, 1803, and came with his parents to Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He soon after bought a farm in Delmar township, upon which he resided until his death,

March 2, 1889. He married Elvira Fuller, December 14, 1825. She was born November 26, 1810, and became the mother of six children, as follows: Elijah J., who died December 15, 1854, in his twenty-seventh year; Eliza J., wife of Fred Stickley, of Wellsboro; Polly M., who died June 27, 1861, in her twenty-fourth year; George Leroy, of Delmar; Sarah M., wife of Melvin Boyden, and Edna, wife of Joseph Benauer, both of whom live in Delmar township. Mrs. Fellows died April 5, 1893, in her eighty-third year.

GEORGE LEROY FELLOWS was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, November 9, 1839, and on attaining his majority took charge of the homestead farm, upon which he has spent his entire life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. On November 26, 1863, he married Rhoda Hoag, of Delmar, and has one son, Edwin D., born January 28, 1867. The latter married Carrie Holiday, and has two children, Bernice and Errick. Mrs. Fellows died November 27, 1896, aged fifty-one years.

BENJAMIN FURMAN, a native of Pennsylvania, born May 4, 1771, came from Northumberland county to Tioga county, about 1823, and located on Pine creek, at what is now known as Furmantown. Three years later he purchased a farm in Delmar township upon which he passed the remaining years of his life. He married Jane Wilkinson, who bore him six children, named as follows: Harkley and Edie, both deceased; Coleman, a resident of Corning, New York; Wilkinson, and Daniel, both farmers of Delmar, and Jane, deceased. The mother died upon the old homestead in Delmar.

WILKINSON FURMAN was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1821, and was about two years old when his parents came to this county. After attaining his majority, he purchased fifty-three acres a short distance northwest of Stony Fork, where he has since devoted his attention to farming. Mr. Furman was married May 11, 1844, to Caroline Morsman, a daughter of Silas Morsman, of Charleston township. She was born September 11, 1824, and is the mother of three children, viz: George Bertron, born April 25, 1846, who was killed by the cars in St. Louis, Missouri, January 16, 1873; Mary J., wife of Thomas Horton, of Shippen township, and Sarah A., who married Charles A. Buckley, and died October 20, 1888. In politics, Mr. Furman is a Republican, and is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

WILLIAM HOWE was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1806, a son of Nathan and Catherine (Furman) Howe, of English and German ancestry. He was reared and educated in his native county, and when twenty-two years of age came to Tioga county, where he purchased 100 acres of forest land in Delmar township, now known as the Howe farm. He cleared and improved his property, and resided upon it until his death, June 23, 1887. He married Chloe Bacon, a daughter of Daniel Bacon, of Delmar township, who bore him five children, viz: Lydia, wife of W. W. English, of Delmar; John W., who died at the age of nineteen; Emma F., deceased wife of W. W. English; Morris D., of Delmar, and Oliver B., who died at the age of eleven years. Mr. Howe was a member of the Methodist church, and in politics, an ardent Republican. Mrs. Howe was a member of the Baptist church. She resided with her son, Morris D., on the old homestead until her death, December 29, 1894, at the age of eighty-two years.

MORRIS D. HOWE, only living son of William Howe, was born upon his present

farm in Delmar township, Tioga county, June 23, 1850, and has spent his entire life thereon. He attended the public schools of his district, and when twenty-one years old began working the farm on shares, which he continued for six years, and then purchased it from his father. In 1884 he rented a hay press, and in 1886 purchased one, which he has operated each fall and winter season since. He has also worked at lumbering more or less for some years. In 1891, in partnership with J. Bottom & Company, he purchased a timber tract of 657 acres on Cedar run, and they have taken the timber off about one-half of it. In 1892 he built a feed-mill, to which he added a shingle-mill in 1893, both of which he has operated since their erection. Mr. Howe was married January 26, 1870, to Isabel Willard, a daughter of Joseph Willard, of Delmar, to which union have been born five children, viz: Ruth, Homer B., Rena B., Fred, and one that died in infancy. Politically, Mr. Howe is a Republican, and has been a justice of the peace since 1890. He is a member of Stony Fork Lodge, No. 564, I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM LEE SPENCER was born in Connecticut, and was a farmer, millwright and miller. He married Senie Phelps, who bore him three children, all of whom are dead: Lyman, Orange and James. Mrs. Spencer died, and some years later he was again married, to which union were born two children, Thomas and Jonathan, both of whom reside in the west. After his second marriage he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where both he and his wife spent the remaining years of their lives.

LYMAN SPENCER, eldest child of William Lee and Senie (Phelps) Spencer, came with his parents to Tioga county. He learned the miller's trade with his father, and after his marriage located on a rented farm near Mansfield, where he lived a few years, and later lived on a farm near Stokesdale, until his removal to Van Ettenville, New York. Four years afterward he returned to Tioga county, and made his home with his son, Alenson, until his death, July 16, 1875, in his seventy-ninth year. Mr. Spencer married Asenath Rumsey, who bore him a family of twelve children, viz: Carlonas, a resident of Iowa; Massanello, who died in infancy; Lorenzo D., a resident of Oxford, Tennessee; Lorensa A., deceased; Loretta, wife of Argalus Ford, of Mainesburg; Alenson, of Delmar; Asenath, deceased; Cansonetta, widow of George Kress; Blyman A., of Delmar; Britianna, wife of R. E. Pond, of Wellsboro; Massanello, a resident of Delmar, and James C., of the same township. Mrs. Spencer died April 11, 1865, in the sixty-seventh year of her age.

ALENSON SPENCER, millwright and carpenter, was born in Mainesburg, Tioga county, October 19, 1826, a son of Lyman and Asenath Spencer. He was reared on a farm, and when twenty-six years old commenced working at the carpenter's trade, which he followed three years. For the succeeding twenty-four years he operated a saw and grist-mill in Wellsboro, for John Dickinson. At the end of this time he removed to his present farm in Delmar, but after four years returned to Wellsboro, and in partnership with Edward C. Dickinson, erected the present grist-mill, which they operated together three years. He then purchased Mr. Dickinson's interest and conducted the mill alone for three years, after which he returned to his farm in the spring of 1891. It contains 227 acres, purchased during the time he worked for John Dickinson, and is located two miles north of Wellsboro. Mr. Spencer was married January 2, 1853, to Catherine S. Hiltbold, a daughter of

Henry and Phoebe (Furman) Hiltbold, of Delmar. Eleven children have been born to this marriage, viz: A. Edward, who married Ada Leisenring, and operates the grist-mill in Wellsboro; Samantha V., wife of Horatio Culver, of Delmar; Susan M., wife of L. M. Fleming, of Wellsboro; Henry L., of Delmar, who married Martha Fleming; James D., deceased; Lizzie D., wife of George R. Johnson, of Delmar; Sadie A., deceased; William W., a resident of Wellsboro, who married Anna Leisenring; Lucy May, wife of L. A. Goodwin, of Stony Fork; Richard R., of Delmar, who married Mary Powlison, and Fannie D., who married W. F. Dewey, of Wellsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, and in politics, he is a Republican.

ISRAEL STONE, a native of Massachusetts, born in 1801, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1832, and purchased fifty acres of land in Delmar township, upon which he passed the remaining years of his life. He was twice married, first to Abbie Dean, in Massachusetts, who bore him five children, viz: Adaline, wife of Henry Wilson, of Delmar; Abigail and Dewite, both deceased; Orrin, a resident of Broome county, New York, and Eugene Howard, of Delmar. Mrs. Stone died in February, 1844. He was again married, to Amanda A. Howe, who bore him two children, viz: William A., a prominent lawyer and congressman of Pittsburg, and Israel G., a resident of Delmar township. In politics, Mr. Stone was originally a Whig and later a Republican. He was assessor of Delmar for several years, also township clerk and treasurer for a number of terms, a county auditor for three terms, and a school director for a long period. He was a member of the Congregational church, and died in that faith, November 9, 1887. Mr. Stone was one of the progressive, enterprising and successful citizens of the county, and was highly respected by the community in which he lived.

EUGENE HOWARD STONE was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 31, 1842, and is the youngest child of Israel and Abbie Stone. He was reared on the homestead farm, and in August, 1861, when but nineteen years old, he enlisted in Company E, Forty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, known as the "Bucktails," and participated in the following battles: South Mountain, Antietam and Mechanicsville, where he was taken prisoner, June 27, 1862, and held forty days in Libby and Belle Isle prisons. He was then exchanged and returned to his regiment, and served until August 7, 1864, when he was honorably discharged, at Petersburg, Virginia. Returning to his home in Tioga county, he worked on his father's farm for six years, and subsequently cultivated a farm in Charleston township on shares two years. He then purchased a farm in Shippen township, but at the end of a year sold it and went to Pawnee county, Kansas, and took up 160 acres of land. He remained there some three years, then sold out and returned to the old homestead, on which he lived one year. At the end of this time he purchased a farm in Shippen township, lived upon it four years, and subsequently four years more on the home farm. Returning to his farm in Shippen, he resided there until the spring of 1893, when he bought his present farm in Delmar, adjoining his Shippen farm, both embracing 190 acres. Mr. Stone was married November 9, 1864, to Sarah, a daughter of Ephraim Francis, of Charleston township. They are the parents of four children, viz: Frederick A., Mary A., wife of George Campbell, of Delmar; Winifred A., and Sarah E. Politically, Mr. Stone is a Republican, and has served

as a school director in Shippen township one term, and supervisor three terms. He is a member of the F. & A. M., the P. of H., the G. A. R. and the Union Veteran Legion.

ROBERT CAMPBELL was born in Lodi, Seneca county, New York, May 3, 1809, and was a son of Archibald and Elizabeth (Seely) Campbell. His father was born near Cork, Ireland, June 30, 1770, came to the United States after attaining his majority, and located at Bath, Steuben county, New York. He married Elizabeth Seely, born in Newtown, now Elmira, New York, December 19, 1790, and subsequently located in Seneca county, where both he and wife died. They were the parents of fourteen children, named as follows: Margaret, Robert, James, Caroline, Marthaline, Jane T., William P., Mary, Elizabeth, Newell T., Maria A., Abraham M., Norman and Ann E. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, whence he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased the farm in Delmar township now owned by his son William. After a short stay in Tioga county, he returned to Lodi, New York, where he taught school for two years, then came back to this county, taught school for four terms, and settled permanently on his farm. On October 3, 1837, he married Jane S. Knight, a daughter of Luke and Jane (Suydam) Knight. She was born April 5, 1815, and became the mother of five children, viz: Oscar, born January 3, 1839, a farmer in Delmar township; Edwin, born April 7, 1840, a farmer in the same township; William, of Delmar; Franklin, born October 1, 1845, and died March 31, 1856, and Mary, born August 14, 1848, wife of Burt Schrader, of Tioga. Mr. Campbell and wife were members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics, he was a staunch Democrat. He died upon his farm in Delmar, June 11, 1890, and his wife, January 29, 1885.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL was born upon the homestead farm in Delmar township, Tioga county, June 30, 1841, and is the third son of Robert Campbell. He attended the common schools of the district in boyhood, and has always lived upon the home farm, which he purchased at his father's death. It contains 150 acres of well-improved land, and he makes a specialty of dairy farming and sheep growing. On September 19, 1882, he married Sarah Phinnie Bartle, a daughter of R. D. Bartle, of Delmar township. They are the parents of four children, viz: Cora B., born July 31, 1883; Franklin R., January 14, 1886; Harry C., March 16, 1890, and died August 6, following, and Erwin B., born October 13, 1893. Mr. Campbell is an ardent Democrat, and may be safely classed among the leading farmers of his native township.

JAMES CAMPBELL was born in Lodi, Seneca county, New York, July 23, 1812, and is the oldest living child of Archibald and Elizabeth (Seely) Campbell. He was reared upon a farm in his native county, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1832, locating in Delmar township. Three years later he purchased the farm now owned by his brother, William P., on which he lived a short time engaged in clearing and improving it. In 1850 he purchased his present farm, but after five years sold it and bought a farm in Sullivan township. He subsequently traded his Sullivan farm for the one previously owned in Delmar township, on which he has since resided. Mr. Campbell was married March 27, 1833, to Emma M. Ely, a daughter of William and Fannie (Curry) Ely. She was born September 29, 1816, and became the mother of eight children, viz: William E., born September 7, 1835,

and died November 5, 1837; Elizabeth C., born June 15, 1838, wife of Eugene Miller, of Slate Run; Frances, born July 13, 1840, wife of Samuel Kendrick, of Stony Fork; Margaret, born May 4, 1844, wife of J. B. Wilcox, of Wellsboro; Archibald, born March 27, 1847, an insurance agent of New York City; Cornelia, born August 18, 1850, wife of Orrin Williams, of Wellsboro; Edward H., born February 9, 1852, a resident of Delmar, and Harriet, born January 16, 1854, wife of Thomas Frost, of Elmira, New York. Mrs. Campbell died September 5, 1889, in the seventy-fourth year of her age. Mr. Campbell resides with his son, Edward H., on the old homestead, and is one of the oldest citizens of Delmar.

EDWARD H. CAMPBELL, a son of James Campbell, was born upon the farm where he now resides, in Delmar township, Tioga county, February 9, 1852, attended the district schools of his neighborhood, and has devoted his entire attention to farming. On December 25, 1873, he married Sophia E. Bartle, a daughter of R. D. Bartle, of Delmar township. They are the parents of four children, viz: Edith I., born April 29, 1875, and died May 24, 1882; Tracy Elsworth, born August 18, 1879; Cordelia, born May 19, 1885, and one that died in infancy. In politics, Mr. Campbell is a Democrat, and is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

NEWELL T. CAMPBELL, a prominent retired farmer of Delmar township, was born in Lodi, Seneca county, New York, June 28, 1827, a son of Archibald and Elizabeth (Seely) Campbell. He was reared on a farm, and obtained a common school education in his native county. In 1850 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased a portion of his present farm in Delmar township, to which he has added by subsequent purchases until he now owns one of the best farms in this locality. Mr. Campbell was married December 3, 1857, to Angeline Houghton, a daughter of Ferris H. Houghton, of Delmar, to which union have been born two children, viz: Norman, who died at the age of twenty-seven, and Estella, who married E. W. Toles, of Westfield, Tioga county, and died at the age of thirty-one years, leaving one daughter, Myrtle. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell attend the Presbyterian church of Wellsboro, and in politics, he is a stanch Democrat. He has been assistant assessor of his township, and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Delmar, where he has lived for nearly half a century.

SIMON G. WILLCOX, a native of Rhode Island, settled in Chenango county, New York, in early life, and there remained until his eleven children were born. He came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1842, and lived among his children. He was twice married. His first wife, Anna Cartwright, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, bore him a family of six children, viz: Phoebe, deceased wife of Aaron Symonds; Anna, deceased; Job, deceased; Mary D., deceased wife of Sylvanus Moore, Jr.; Clarissa H., deceased wife of J. F. Townsend, and Simon. Some time after the death of his first wife, Mr. Willcox married her sister Phoebe, who became the mother of five sons, viz: Daniel B. and Benjamin C., both deceased; John D., of Olmsville, Delmar township; Nathan F., deceased, and Ira L., a resident of Kansas. Mr. Willcox died June 12, 1851, aged seventy-two years, and his wife, Phoebe, July 18, 1849, aged fifty-nine.

JOB WILLCOX was born in Chenango county, New York, in 1807, eldest son of Simon G. and Annie Willcox. He came to Tioga county in 1833, and purchased timber lands at Round Island, now Tiadaghton, where he followed lumbering up

to 1839. He then removed to Wellsboro, formed a partnership with C. & J. L. Robinson, and continued his lumber operations with these gentlemen, and also conducted a store in the borough. Six years later he sold his interest in the store and bought a large farm in Delmar township, and subsequently severed his business connection with the Robinsons in the lumber business. He was at times associated with some of the well-known lumbermen of the county, and his operations were extensive and lucrative. Mr. Willcox was married in early manhood, to Asenath White, of Chenango county, New York, who bore him seven children, viz: Charles C., of Delmar township; Simon, deceased; Edwin and Edward, twins, the former deceased and the latter a resident of Delmar township; Galusha B., also a resident of Delmar, and George and Caroline, both of whom are dead. Mr. and Mrs. Willcox died in Delmar township, the former in May, 1874.

CHARLES C. WILLCOX, oldest child of Job Willcox, was born in Chenango county, New York, December 15, 1829, and was in his fourth year when his parents settled on Pine creek, in Tioga county. When twenty-one years old he began jobbing in the lumber woods, which occupation he followed ten years. He afterwards purchased a farm on Middle Ridge, lived on it a few years, and then went to Lycoming county, where he followed lumbering one year. Returning to Delmar, he began merchandising at Stony Fork, and continued that business four years, at the end of which period he purchased eighty-eight acres of his present farm and settled down to farm life. He later added to his original purchase 150 acres, making in all 238 acres of well-improved land. He has since devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, and is one of the substantial farmers of his township. Mr. Willcox was married October 26, 1852, to Tabitha Ann Webb, a daughter of Orson Webb, of Delmar. She was born October 17, 1832, and is the mother of eight children, all of whom reside in Delmar township, viz: Addie, Cora L., Charles O., E. Archibald, Wellington W., Artelissa, Burton E. and Ross G. The family are adherents of the Baptist church, and all of the sons are members of the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics, Mr. Willcox is a Republican.

GALUSHA B. WILCOX, son of Job Willcox, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, May 8, 1842, and was three years old when his parents located on the farm he now owns. Here he grew to manhood, and has spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits. His farm embraces 150 acres of well improved land, two miles northeast of Stony Fork. In 1868 he married Ann Janett Kilborn, who bore him four children, viz: Hiram E., a resident of Hoytville; Edith M., deceased; Asenath C., and Leon, both at home. Mrs. Wilcox died December 21, 1878, aged twenty-nine years. He was again married January 28, 1880, to Anna E. Brill, a daughter of Peter Brill, who is the mother of four children, viz: Harry G., Blanche, Ralph, deceased, and Verne. In politics, Mr. Wilcox is a Republican.

BENJAMIN C. WILCOX, a son of Simon G. and Phoebe Willcox, was born in Preston, Chenango county, New York, January 3, 1823, and was fifteen years old when his parents came to Tioga county. In December, 1839, he purchased a timber tract of 140 acres in Delmar township, and went to work to clear and improve it. He erected buildings and lived on this property from 1843 to 1874. In the latter year he sold it and bought a farm immediately west of Stony Fork, where he resided up to 1891, and then retired from active life, making his home with his

son, George S., until his death, February 28, 1897. Mr. Wilcox was married September 1, 1844, to Nancy J. Butler, who bore him five children, viz: Harland, Melvina and Simon, all of whom are dead; George S., of Delmar, and Nancy J., wife of Albert Van Vleit, of the same township. Mrs. Wilcox died August 6, 1879, aged fifty-four years. In 1881 he married Mary Wall, who died five years later, and on April 23, 1887, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Rockwell, a daughter of Benjamin Borden, whose first husband, Simon Wilcox, was a brother of Benjamin C. Mr. Wilcox was a member of the First Baptist church. In politics, he was a Republican, and held the office of township supervisor two terms.

GEORGE S. WILCOX, only living son of Benjamin C. Wilcox, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, June 7, 1852, was reared on the homestead farm, and obtained a common school education. When eighteen years of age he began working for himself in the lumber woods, and four years later purchased a timber tract on Heise run, which he cleared up and built upon. After three years' residence there, he sold the property and went to work for Silas X. Billings, at Leetonia, but soon after entered the employ of the Leetonia Tanning Company, with whom he remained until 1885. In that year he bought his present mill property, to which he has since added by subsequent purchases, until he now owns 140 acres. He cultivates his farm and also operates the mill whenever there is work to do in that line. Mr. Wilcox was married April 19, 1874, to Ida M. Bowen, a daughter of DeForest Bowen, of Delmar township, who has borne him two children, Addie E., and Georgie, the latter deceased. Mr. Wilcox and wife are members of the First Baptist church, of Delmar, and also of the Patrons of Husbandry. He is connected with the I. O. O. F., and the K. of G. E., and in politics, is an adherent of the Prohibition party.

JOHN D. WILLCOX was born in Preston, Chenango county, New York, September 4, 1825, where he resided with his parents, Simon G. and Phoebe Willcox, until 1840, and was in his fifteenth year when he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and went to work for Job Willcox & Co., of Wellsboro, with whom he remained three years. He later purchased a farm adjoining his present one, buying the latter in 1867. He has since followed farming, and has also operated a saw-mill on his farm. On February 24, 1844, he married Orrilla Dimmick, who bore him the following children: Mary L., wife of P. R. Sherman, of Michigan; Phoebe C., wife of E. H. Halstead, of Delmar township; Maria A., who died in infancy; Elam E., who died at the age of thirty-three; Clarence A., Simon G., Orlando R. and Edwin H., all residents of Delmar township, and Sanford D., of Harrison Valley, Potter county. Mrs. Willcox died May 17, 1868, aged forty-two years. On May 13, 1869, he married Sarah M., a daughter of John Wilson, of Morris, Tioga county, by which union he has three children, viz: Lillian M., wife of John Dortt, of Shippen township; Sarah E., wife of A. H. Taylor, and William D. The family are members of the Baptist church, and in politics, Mr. Willcox is a Republican. He has served as a school director for two terms, supervisor six years, and has been postmaster of Olmsville, which is located at his home, since July 1, 1886.

EDWIN MATSON, SR., lumberman and farmer, was born in Chenango county, New York, January 21, 1815, a son of Zeba W. and Lydia (Merritt) Matson, natives of Connecticut. He was reared and educated in his native county, and when

eighteen years of age came to Tioga county and entered the employ of Stowell & Dickinson, who were engaged in the lumber business on Pine creek. Here he remained thirteen years, and then went to Wrightsville, York county, Pennsylvania, where he built and operated saw-mills for fifteen years. Returning to Delmar township, Tioga county, he located on a farm which he had previously purchased. After a few years he went to Northumberland county and again engaged in the lumber business for seven years, and subsequently followed lumbering in Florida for fourteen months. Going to Cleveland, Ohio, he completed an unfinished mill, which he operated for one season, and then returned to his farm in Delmar. In 1881 he erected his present mill in Shippen township, which he has operated successfully for the past fifteen years, under the firm name of E. Matson & Son. Mr. Matson was married in 1837, to Mary Eberenz, a daughter of William Eberenz, of Delmar, to which union were born seven children, viz: Aurelia, deceased; John W., a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; William E., who served in a battery of New York Heavy Artillery and died of wounds received in the battle of Petersburg; Mary, wife of Charles Derbyshire, of Delmar; Charles, deceased; James H., deceased, and Edwin, junior member of the firm of E. Matson & Son. Mr. Matson is the owner of one of the largest farms in Delmar township, while his lumber interests in Shippen are extensive and lucrative. He also conducts a store in connection with his mill, which does an annual business of \$12,000. Mr. Matson is one of the leading Democrats of the township, and is the present postmaster of Marsh Creek. The family are adherents of the Presbyterian church.

JAMES H. MATSON, a son of Edwin and Mary (Eberenz) Matson, was born March 4, 1851, in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania. After acquiring a good English education in the common schools of Delmar township, Tioga county, where his parents still reside, he took a course in the law department of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor. He taught school for a time and then finished his legal studies in the law office of Hon. Jerome B. Niles, Wellsboro, and was admitted to the bar May 4, 1880. In 1884 he was elected district attorney and served one term. On September 24, 1884, he purchased an interest in the *Republican Advocate*, of Wellsboro, and on January 13, 1886, assumed editorial control, continuing in that capacity until March 10, 1891, when he sold his interest to William L. Shearer, the present proprietor. He then engaged in the insurance business in Wellsville and Syracuse, New York, until the fall of 1894, when he was made state agent for Connecticut of the Illinois Covenant Mutual Insurance Company, at New Haven, which position he retained until his death, March 14, 1897. Mr. Matson was married November 25, 1880, to Mary Seaman, of Nauvoo, to which union there were born the following named children: Mildred Blanche, Anna Louise, Lillian Elva, Edwin Augustus and Elma Amelia, both deceased, and James Henry. In politics, Mr. Matson was an ardent Republican. For a number of years previous to his death he was a member of the official board of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, New Haven, Connecticut.

EDWIN MATSON, JR., was born in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1858, a son of Edwin Matson, Sr., and came with his parents to Tioga county when about one year old. He obtained a good common school education, and was reared principally on his father's farm. In 1882 he engaged in the lumber business on Marsh

creek, with his father, under the firm name of E. Matson & Son, where they have since carried on business. Their mill has a capacity of 30,000 feet per day, their product being hardwood and hemlock, which they ship to the northern markets. Mr. Matson was married November 1, 1875, to Hattie U. Russell, a daughter of Lucius L. and Ann Eliza (Morse) Russell. They are the parents of seven children, namely: Nina M., John E., Nora E., James H., Jessie R., Edwin and Morgan L. Nora E. and James H. are dead. In religion, the family are adherents of the Baptist church, and in politics, Republican. Mr. Matson has filled the office of director and treasurer of the school boards in Shippen and Delmar townships. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is connected with both the lodge and encampment.

JOSEPH BOYDEN, a native of Massachusetts, born in 1775, there grew to manhood, married Abigail Gilmore, and in 1848 came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located in Delmar township. He was the father of nine children, as follows: Nancy, who married Enoch Cheney; Harriet, who married Charles Bond; Sanford, Addison, Lemuel, Miranda, wife of Albert Root, of Wellsboro; Eliza, wife of Lemuel Colvin, and Maria, who married Lyman Whitmore. Addison, Mrs. Root and Mrs. Colvin are the only survivors of this family. Mr. Boyden died in Charleston township, January 5, 1854, and his wife, July 11, 1858, aged seventy-seven years.

ADDISON BOYDEN was born in Vermont, October 10, 1805, was reared on a farm, and attended the common schools of his native place. When twenty-one years old he began working in the lumber woods of Canada, which he continued for eight years. In 1833 he came to Tioga county, and located in Delmar township, where he followed the lumber business. In 1842 he bought 100 acres of timber land in Delmar, and after clearing a portion of it, sold it and purchased the present Boyden farm of 112 acres, a short distance west of Wellsboro, upon which he has lived up to the present. In 1831 he married Sophia Colvin, who bore him ten children, viz: Cynthia D. and Abigail, both deceased; Sanford N., of Wellsboro; Melvin, of Delmar; Alfred, of the same township; Mary M., wife of Luther Torpy, of Delmar; Charles F., of Delmar; Rosina A., wife of William Derbyshire, of Delmar; Addison C., of Delmar, and Sophia S., wife of Loren Phippin, of Delmar. Mrs. Boyden died April 3, 1873, aged fifty-nine years. Mr. Boyden lives with his son Alfred on the homestead farm.

MELVIN BOYDEN was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, July 19, 1841, a son of Addison Boyden. He was reared on the homestead farm, obtained a common school education, and worked at home until he was twenty-five years old, when he purchased his present farm in Delmar, and with the exception of three years spent on a rented farm, he has devoted his whole attention to clearing and improving his property. He was married December 6, 1862, to Sarah M. Fellows, a daughter of Asahel Fellows, of Delmar township, and has two children, Charles M., who owns and operates a fruit evaporator on the farm, and Ella S., wife of Charles Spencer, of Delmar. Mrs. Boyden is a member of the Baptist church. Politically, Mr. Boyden is a Republican, and has served as a school director six years. He is deputy constable for the north district of Delmar township.

ALFRED BOYDEN, son of Addison Boyden, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, March 10, 1844, was reared on the farm, and attended the district

schools of his neighborhood. In 1862, when but seventeen years old, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the following battles: Pollock's Mills, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Funkstown, Haymarket, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, Pamunkey River, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad and Hatcher's Run. He was promoted to corporal November 26, 1863, and was honorably discharged from the service at Harrisburg, June 29, 1865. Mr. Boyden returned to his home in Delmar township, and worked in the lumber woods for about ten years. For the following three years he cultivated rented farms, and then took charge of his father's farm, upon which he has since lived. He was married May 7, 1874, to Mary E. Loudon, a daughter of James Loudon, of Delmar, and has two children, Belle C. and Dana A. The family are connected with the Baptist church, of Wellsboro. Politically, Mr. Boyden is a stanch Republican, and a member of the G. A. R. and P. of H.

CHARLES F. BOYDEN was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 30, 1849, a son of Addison Boyden. He was reared on the farm, attended the common schools, and worked at home until he was twenty-four years of age, when he went to northern Wisconsin and operated a farm on shares for a year and a half. For the following six months he drove team for a milling company, and then returned to his home in Delmar, where he cultivated the old homestead for one year. At the end of this period he purchased his present farm in Delmar township, and has since devoted his attention to its cultivation. On June 22, 1873, he married Lydia Matson, of Wisconsin, who has borne him the following children: Elida R., wife of Ferdinand Nobles, of Delmar; Edith D., Edwin A., Flynn O., Sarah E., and Mary E., the last mentioned having died February 27, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Boyden are members of the Baptist church, and in politics, he is a Republican.

ADDISON C. BOYDEN, youngest son of Addison Boyden, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, July 30, 1852, attended the district schools and also the Wellsboro Academy. He worked at home until twenty-six years old, and then purchased his present farm in Delmar, which he has since cleared and improved. On June 9, 1879, he married Amanda Matson, a daughter of Horton Matson, of Delmar township, who has borne him two children, Bertha R. and Horace A. They have also an adopted daughter. Mr. Boyden and wife are members of the Baptist church, and in politics, he is a stanch Republican.

ALANSON J. WILSON, a native of Massachusetts, and a son of Solomon Wilson, came to Tioga county in the spring of 1839 and purchased a farm of eighty-six acres in Delmar township. He was a shoemaker and also a blacksmith, and after locating in Delmar township did considerable work in those lines, being one of the most useful citizens in the community. Though a man of limited education, he possessed natural ability as a manager and accumulated a competence. Mr. Wilson married Julia Bradley, of Massachusetts, and reared a family of five sons, as follows: James A., who died at the age of twenty-two; Henry B., Milon D., Ira C. and Baxter H., all residents of Delmar township. Mr. Wilson died in 1876, and his wife ten years before.

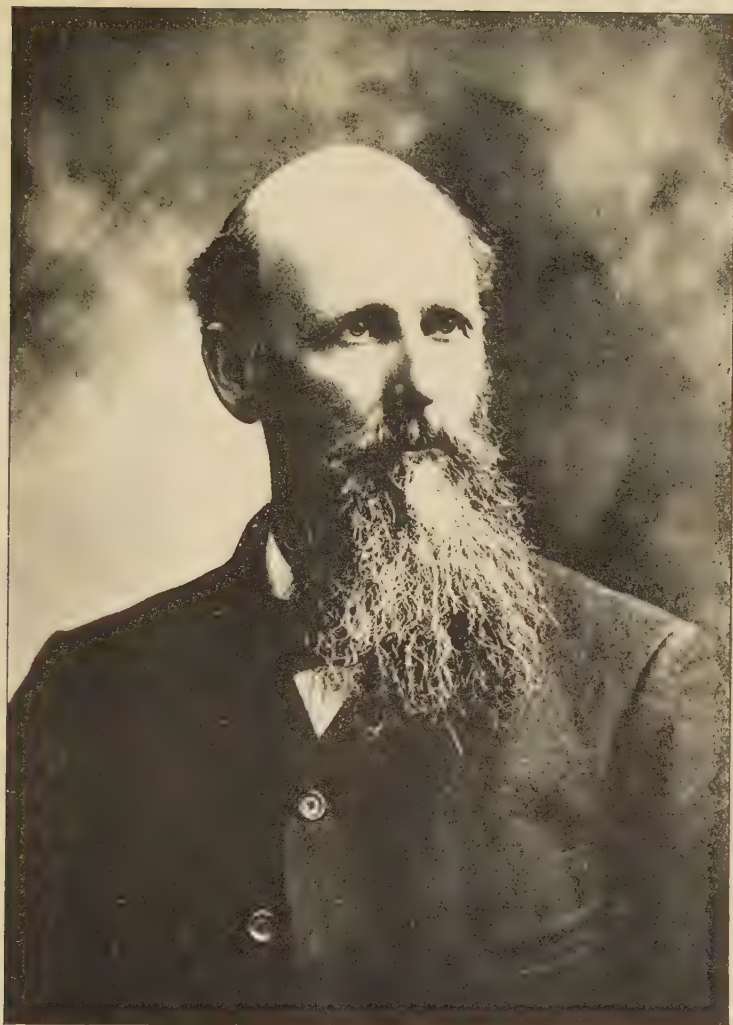
MILON D. WILSON was born in Steuben county, New York, March 21, 1831, and is the third son of Alanson J. Wilson. He was reared on a farm, attended the

common schools, and when thirteen years old went to Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and engaged with William S. Taylor to learn the tanner's trade, at which he spent three years. He then returned home and worked in the woods and as a farm hand for about nine years. At the end of this time he purchased the farm upon which he now resides, and where he has since lived. On October 15, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served with his regiment up to December, 1862, when he was honorably discharged. Mr. Wilson was married December 1, 1856, to Mary Monroe, a daughter of Garner Monroe, of Delmar township, who bore him six children, viz: Daniel G., a resident of Potter county; Alanson W., who died in infancy; Rosanna M., wife of Tully Monroe, of Potter county; Mary E., wife of Frank Luddington, of Delmar; Caroline A., wife of Charles Loucks, of Potter county, and Lillian L., who died in infancy. Mrs. Wilson died September 11, 1891, aged fifty-nine years. February 21, 1894, Mr. Wilson married Philura Plumley, of Delmar township. He is a member of the Baptist church, while his wife is a Methodist. In politics, he is a Republican.

IRA C. WILSON was born in Barrington, Massachusetts, August 18, 1833, and was in his sixth year when his parents came to Delmar township, Tioga county. He was reared upon the homestead farm, attended the district school of his neighborhood, and when fourteen years of age commenced working in the lumber woods as a teamster, which he followed four years. Returning home he worked on the farm until his majority, and then purchased eighty acres of land from William Bache, located in Delmar township. At the end of six years, after clearing a part of it, he sold this property and purchased the old homestead, upon which he lived until he purchased his present farm of 120 acres, leasing the first to his son, Charles L. He also owns two other farms of 100 acres each in Delmar, and is one of the most prosperous farmers in the county. He married Mary Jane Nobles, a daughter of Loron Nobles, to which union have been born nine children, viz: Mary Louisa, deceased wife of George Smith; Emma, wife of Daniel Bennett, of Shippen township; Lyman M., who died in infancy; Charles L., and Frank H., both residents of Delmar; Ella, wife of Charles A. Buckley, of Delmar; Frederick J., and Minnie, both of whom died in early youth, and Ira W., who lives with his parents. The family are connected with the Baptist church, and in politics, Mr. Wilson is a Democrat.

ROBERT STEELE, SR., was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, about 1766, there grew to maturity and married Esther Rowe. He served a short time in the Revolutionary War, later studied medicine, but never practiced the profession. About 1805 he came to Tioga county and located on the site of Ansonia, then known as Big Meadows. He reared a family of nine children, viz: John, James, Matilda, Ephraim, Henry, Elizabeth, Robert, Polly and William. Mr. Steele died at the home of his son Robert in Delmar township in 1836.

ROBERT STEELE was born on the site of Ansonia, Tioga county, October 12, 1810, a son of Robert Steele, Sr. He was reared on a farm and attended the pioneer schools of his neighborhood. In 1834 he located in Delmar township, purchasing the farm where his son Miles now lives. His wife, Mary Ann, was a daughter of William Blackwell, an early settler of Morris township. She bore him ten children, named as follows: Richard, who died in infancy; Louisa, wife of William Wal-



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bridge, of Delmar; John, who died on his farm in Delmar, March 14, 1896; Sarah, wife of Peter Walbridge, of Wellsboro; William, who was wounded in the battle of Petersburg, and died June 27, 1864; Miles, Charles and Robert, all residents of Delmar; Mary A., wife of Willis L. English, of Morris, and Otis, who lives in Wellsboro. Mr. Steele died on the old homestead in Delmar, November 27, 1884. His widow lives with her son Miles in that township.

JOHN STEELE, son of Robert and Mary Ann Steele, and grandson of Robert Steele, Sr., was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, March 3, 1841, and lived with his parents until he was twenty-six years old. His father then deeded him a farm of 108 acres, two miles south of Wellsboro, where he resided until his death, March 14, 1896. Mr. Steele was married September 18, 1866, to Alice Copestick, a daughter of Charles Copestick, of Delmar. Six children were born to this union, viz: Raymond, a resident of Charleston township; Mabel, wife of Horatio Reed, of Delmar; Isabel, Robert, Claude, deceased, and Carrie. When Lee invaded Pennsylvania, Mr. Steele went out with the Emergency Men to assist in defending his native State, thus proving his patriotism. In politics, he was a Republican, and served as clerk and treasurer of Delmar from 1882 to 1892. He belonged to the Grange and was a liberal supporter of the public schools. Mr. Steele was a kind father and husband, a good neighbor and a respected citizen.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON, SR., was born in Scotland, there grew to manhood, and became a stationary engineer and miner. In 1830 he came to the United States, and worked in the Baldwin Locomotive Works five years. In 1835 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, remained a short time in Wellsboro, and then purchased a farm in Delmar township, on which he resided up to his death. He married Agnes Archibald, who bore him twelve children, four of whom are living and residents of Delmar township, viz: Frasier, wife of Thomas Clark; Thomas A., William, and Jane, wife of James Dale. Mrs. Robertson died October 14, 1886, at the ripe old age of ninety-two years.

THOMAS A. ROBERTSON, eldest son of William and Agnes Robertson, was born in Scotland, March 17, 1824, and came to the United States with his parents when six years old. He attended the public schools of Philadelphia and Tioga county in boyhood, and worked on the home farm until he was twenty-three years old. He then cultivated a rented farm for two years, at the end of which time he bought eighty-two acres on East Hill, Delmar township, a property he still owns, and lived there from 1850 to 1891. He then removed to his present farm, a portion of the old homestead. Mr. Robertson was married March 8, 1849, to Mary A. Moyer, a daughter of Jonathan Moyer. Four children were born to this union, viz: Margaret, who died at the age of twenty-six; George A., of Delmar; Adaline, wife of Robert A. Kerr, of Morris, and Isabel, wife of Rev. E. D. Rawson, of Allegany, New York. Mr. Robertson and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, he is a Republican, and is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

GEORGE A. ROBERTSON, only son of Thomas A. and Mary A. Robertson, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, was reared on the homestead farm, and attended the district schools in boyhood. When twenty years of age he began working in the lumber woods, but soon returned to farm work. He later spent

three years in the Hoytville tannery, then bought a farm in Delmar, near the Shippen line, which he sold two years later and purchased his present farm of fifty acres, east of Stony Fork. Mr. Robertson was married June 17, 1876, to Agnes Dort, a daughter of Russell Dort, an early settler of Delmar township, and has three children, Edith, Leon A., and Pearly A. Mr. Robertson, wife and oldest daughter are members of the P. of H., and in politics, he is a staunch Republican.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON, youngest son of William Robertson, Sr., was born on the homestead farm in Delmar township, Tioga county, November 8, 1837. He attended the common schools of his district and worked at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then began working out as a farm hand, but two years later rented a farm and continued to cultivate rented farms up to 1876, when he bought a homestead in Delmar township, which he sold six years afterwards and purchased his present property of fifty acres adjoining the old homestead farm, in which he owns a quarter interest. Mr. Robertson was married September 25, 1859, to Lydia A. Smedley, a daughter of William and Ellen (Shuart) Smedley, born September 6, 1838. They have one daughter, Mazie, born April 8, 1882. In politics, Mr. Robertson is an ardent Republican.

AARON SYMONDS was born in Connecticut, June 30, 1793, a son of John Symonds. In early life he learned the blacksmith's trade, particularly the manufacture of scythes, and followed that business until failing health compelled him to abandon it, when he turned his attention to farming. In 1836 he came to Tioga county and operated a saw-mill at Round Island, now Tiadaghton. He afterwards bought fifty acres of land on Middle Ridge, in Delmar township, where he followed farming until his death, August 5, 1842. Mr. Symonds married Phoebe Willcox, oldest child of Simon G. Willcox, November 5, 1818. She was a native of Chenango county, New York, and became the mother of nine children, viz: Luther, who died at the age of twenty-three; David B., a farmer of Potter county; Job W., of Delmar township; Hannah A., who died in 1888; Sarah A., deceased, wife of Darius B. Ford; Clarissa, who died in 1886; Caroline, and Emeline, twins, the former of whom died in girlhood, and the latter in 1886, and Betsey A., who died in April, 1863. Mrs. Symonds died in May, 1860, aged fifty-eight years.

JOB W. SYMONDS, retired farmer and blacksmith, was born in Chenango county, New York, October 20, 1825, and was eleven years old when his parents settled in Tioga county. On attaining his majority he began work in the lumber woods, devoting his summers to farming, which he continued five years. He then bought a farm of fifty acres on Middle Ridge, Delmar township, originally owned by his father, erected a blacksmith shop, and followed farming and blacksmithing. He did work for his neighbors, having picked up sufficient of the trade to be a fair workman. In 1856 he sold this property and bought his present farm of 100 acres, a short distance north of Draper. Here he followed blacksmithing and farming up to 1886, when he retired. Mr. Symonds married Cynthia Borden, a daughter of Benjamin B. Borden, of Delmar township, January 3, 1844. She was born April 10, 1828, and became the mother of ten children, viz: Phoebe J., widow of A. S. Torpy; George, an oil operator in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Mary E., who died in infancy; Betsey E., wife of Asher A. Hines, of Minnesota; Mary A., wife of Charles Orr, of Delmar township; Fidah M., wife of Albert Torpy; Myra B.,

wife of Edwin Allen; Hurbin, who married Ida Compton, February 14, 1887; Katie, wife of Ira Rice, and Benjamin, the last five of whom are residents of Delmar township. In politics, Mr. Symonds is a Republican. He has been supervisor one year, and a justice of the peace fifteen years, in Delmar township.

THOMAS HORTON was born in Orange county, New York, in 1781, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1837. He purchased the farm in Delmar township on which his son Thomas C. now lives. He married Anna Cully, who bore him a family of nine children, viz: Elizabeth, who married John Kimball; Hiram, and Hannah, who married Daniel Slosson, all of whom are dead; Susan, wife of Jeremiah Houghton, of Delmar; Thomas C., a farmer of the same township; Ezra, deceased; Hector, of Delmar; Sarah A., wife of P. G. Walker, of Stony Fork, and Samantha, wife of Edward Hastings, of Wellsboro. Thomas C. was born in Tompkins county, New York, September 1, 1820, came to this county with his parents, and married Marietta Stanton, who bore him six children, viz: Newell F., and Mary J., both deceased; Ezra, a farmer on Marsh creek; John and Nathan, both deceased, and Myron, a resident of Virginia. Mr. Horton and wife spent the remaining years of their lives in this county.

HECTOR HORTON, youngest son of Thomas Horton, was born in Schuyler county, then a part of Tompkins county, New York, December 27, 1822, and was in his fifteenth year when his parents settled in Delmar township. He worked at home until twenty-three years of age, and then bought his present farm of 100 acres from his father, on which he has since lived, devoting his attention to general farming and dairying. October 9, 1850, he married Permelia A. Emick, a daughter of William Emick, of Morris township. They are the parents of seven children, viz: Charles A., and Frank, both residing in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively; Maria, wife of Andrew English, of New Mexico; George, and Fred J., residents of Wood county, Ohio; Mary, and Hubert, both at home. The family are adherents of the Baptist church, and politically, Mr. Horton is a Republican. He is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

DAVID GORRIE was born near Wilmington, Delaware, March 28, 1820, a son of John and Agnes (Ower) Gorrie, natives of Scotland. David is the youngest and only survivor in a family of ten children. He was reared in his native place and in the City of Philadelphia up to the age of seventeen, and obtained a common school education. In the fall of 1837 he, with his mother and invalid brother, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he bought a farm of about 120 acres, in Delmar township, and devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1882 he built upon the farm of 125 acres, where he now resides, disposing of the old homestead to his son Clarence. Mr. Gorrie was married in 1851 to Cerissa Griffin, of Delmar township, and has reared four children, viz: Clarence, who lives upon the old homestead; Norval, a farmer residing in Idaho; David, a farmer in the same State, and Lillie M., at home. In politics, Mr. Gorrie is a stanch Democrat. He is one of the prominent and respected farmers of Delmar township, and by his own exertion and energy has accumulated through the passing years a handsome competence.

LYMAN WALBRIDGE was born near Springfield, Massachusetts, February 6, 1786, a son of Joshua Walbridge, a Revolutionary soldier, born in 1758. He was

reared on a farm, received a good education, and taught school for some years in his native State. In 1837 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased the farm in Delmar township now owned by his son William, where he resided until his death, August 17, 1862. He married Ann D. Smith, a daughter of Rev. William R. Smith. She was born in 1795, and bore him six children, viz: William, a resident of Delmar, born September 16, 1821, who married Louisa, a daughter of Robert Steele, and has two sons, Bion and Arthur; Elizabeth, a resident of Europe; Joshua, a judge of the common pleas court in Goldboro, Colorado; John W., an oil operator of Venango county; Robert S., of Delmar, and Peter D., who lives in Wellsboro. Mrs. Walbridge died April 10, 1880, aged eighty-four years.

ROBERT S. WALBRIDGE was born in New Jersey, October 5, 1831, and was about six years old when his parents located in Delmar township, Tioga county. He was reared upon the farm, and when twenty years of age began working out as a farm hand, which he followed for ten years. He then bought his present farm of 100 acres, lying west of Stony Fork, where he has since devoted his attention to agriculture. On December 11, 1862, Mr. Walbridge married Mary Copestick, a daughter of Charles Copestick, of Delmar, and has three children, viz: Alfred C., an electrical engineer of Washington state; Bertha E., wife of C. E. Olmstead, of Delmar, and George B., a student at Lafayette College. Mrs. Walbridge died January 21, 1889, aged forty-seven years. In politics, a Democrat, he has served as township clerk and treasurer for several years. He is a member of the P. of H., and also of the K. of G. E.

WILLIAM TROWBRIDGE DERBYSHIRE was born in Denmark, New York, December 28, 1809, a son of William and Laura (Trowbridge) Derbyshire. He was the second in a family of seven children, and is to-day the only surviving member of the family. He received a common school education, and when sixteen years of age went to Utica, New York, and spent three years learning the harness maker's trade, which business he followed about ten years in that State. In the autumn of 1837 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located in Wellsboro, where he worked at his trade three years. He then purchased the Derbyshire farm in Delmar township, and for the succeeding twenty-five years devoted his attention to clearing and improving his land, and working at his trade in Wellsboro. At the end of this period he gave up working at his trade, and devoted his whole attention to the farm. Mr. Derbyshire was married in January, 1835, to Mary Granger, a daughter of Levi Granger, of Otsego county, New York, to which union were born ten children, named as follows: William, who died at three years of age; Mary, Caroline, Elizabeth, George R., who died in a rebel prison in South Carolina during the war; Charles, and William, both residents of Delmar; Frank, deceased; Laura, wife of Charles Smith, and Marian, wife of John Russell, both residents of Delmar township. Mrs. Derbyshire died in August, 1891, aged seventy-nine years. Mr. Derbyshire is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and in politics, a Republican. He is one of the oldest citizens of Delmar township.

CHARLES DERBYSHIRE, son of William T. Derbyshire, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, May 30, 1846, was educated in the district schools, and has made farming his life vocation. His farm is located four miles northwest of Wellsboro. He married Mary Matson, a daughter of Edwin Matson, Sr., of Delmar,

December 31, 1868, who has borne him five children, viz: Mary E., wife of John Hasker, of Delmar; William E., who married Lizzie Covert, of Wellsboro; Robert C., Charles F., and Marion C. The family are connected with the Baptist church. Mr. Derbyshire is a Republican, in politics, and is one of the school directors of his district.

WILLIAM DERBYSHIRE, son of William T. Derbyshire, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, September 6, 1848, and has spent his entire life upon the homestead farm. On January 20, 1875, he married Rosina A. Boyden, a daughter of Addison Boyden, of Delmar. Five children have been born to this marriage, four of whom are living, viz: Carrie E., Mary O., William T. and George R. The family are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, and in politics, he is an adherent of the Republican party.

HIRAM L. ROBLYER was born near Horseheads, Chemung county, New York, March 14, 1825, a son of Hiram and Rhoda (Sanford) Roblyer. His parents were natives of Orange county, New York, whence they removed to Chemung county, and in 1837 located in Rutland township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where they died, the father May 6, 1857, aged eighty-two, and the mother, November 27, 1859, aged seventy-eight. Their children were as follows: Austin, Diadama, Andrew J., David S. and Ira, all of whom are dead; Dorcas M., widow of A. B. Tanner; Hannah J., deceased; Sally Ann, widow of Northrop Smith, of Sullivan township, and Hiram L. The subject of this sketch came to Tioga county with his parents when twelve years old, and was reared to manhood in Rutland township. He afterwards worked as a farm hand for several years. In 1851 he embarked in merchandising at Elk Run in partnership with Northrop Smith, but in 1857 he sold his interest to Mr. Smith and bought his present farm of 104 acres, on which he has since lived. Mr. Roblyer was married October 3, 1855, to Almira Wood, a daughter of Solomon and Lydia Wood, of Sullivan township, where her parents settled in 1821. Three children have been born to this union, viz: Herbert, a resident of Delmar; Levi, who lives in Sullivan, and Harvey, who died November 18, 1877. In politics, Mr. Roblyer is a Republican, and has served as auditor and treasurer of his township. Both he and wife are members of East Sullivan Grange.

HERBERT ROBLYER was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, July 16, 1856, eldest son of Hiram L. Roblyer. He was educated in the common schools, at the Mansfield State Normal, and Warner Business College, Elmira, New York. When twenty-one years of age he began teaching in winter, which he followed for seven years, working on the farm during the summer season. In the fall of 1881 he purchased his present farm of 100 acres in Delmar township, one mile north of Balsam, on which he has since resided. Mr. Roblyer was married to Lina M. Wilbur, a daughter of Nelson and Melissa Wilbur, of Wayne county, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1880, and has three children: Lulu May, Carrie Estella and Harvey Lewis. The family attend the Episcopal church. Mr. Roblyer is secretary of Pomona Grange, and also a director and secretary of the Tioga County Grange Mutual Insurance Company. He is a staunch Republican, has filled the office of school director in Delmar, and is recognized as one of the leading citizens of the township.

PETER BUCKLEY, a son of John and Hannah (Decker) Buckley, was born in Oxford, Chenango county, New York, November 23, 1809, and there grew to

manhood. In 1839 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased the present Buckley farm in Delmar township. He was a carpenter and millwright, and for many years devoted a portion of his time to the construction of mills. On November 26, 1837, he married Ruth A. Bartle, a daughter of Charles Bartle, and had one son, John H., when the family moved to this county. The following children were born after their settlement here: Byron C., who died in February, 1868, aged twenty-six years; Hulda A., who died aged two years; Charles A., of Delmar township; Jerusha A., wife of Charles Copestick, of Delmar; Uriah, telegraph operator and station agent at Minoa Station, New York, and two that died in infancy. Mr. Buckley died November 8, 1856, from an injury received while working on a saw-mill. His widow resides with her son, John H., in Delmar. In early life a Democrat, he later became a Republican, and was quite active in political affairs.

JOHN H. BUCKLEY was born in Oxford, New York, June 16, 1839, eldest child of Peter Buckley, who came to Tioga county five months after our subject's birth. He was reared upon his present homestead farm, and received a good education in the common and select schools of Delmar township, and at Oxford Academy. He worked at home until the death of his father, since which time he has had charge of the farm, with the exception of the period when he was serving in the Union army. On September 21, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battles of James Island, Blue Springs, Campbell Station, Siege of Knoxville, Siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Jamestown and the Wilderness, where he was wounded. He was promoted to corporal in 1863, and was discharged at McClellan Hospital, Philadelphia, on account of a gunshot wound in the left hip, May 8, 1865. With the exception of the four years spent in the service, Mr. Buckley taught school nineteen consecutive terms, principally in his native township. He was married March 29, 1870, to Isabel, a daughter of Charles and Isabel Copestick, of Delmar. Three children have been born to them. viz: Ruth, a student at the State Normal School, Mansfield; Charles, a graduate of that institution, and now a teacher in the Philadelphia public schools, and Florence. Politically, Mr. Buckley is a Republican, and has filled the office of auditor three terms, and that of clerk and treasurer five terms. The family attend the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Buckley is one of the most intelligent farmers in Tioga county.

ALMON BROOKS, a native of New York state, was one of the early settlers of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He purchased a farm in Delmar township, cleared and improved it, and passed the remaining years of his life in making a home for himself and family. He married Lena Miller, who bore him the following children: Anne M., wife of D. R. Null, of Williamsport; Frank W., of Delmar; Charles M., a resident of Williamsport; Emma E., wife of Z. O. Campbell, of Wellsboro; John W., a resident of Manhattan, Tioga county; Henry D., of Delmar, and Ada M., deceased wife of Elmer E. Striker.

FRANK W. BROOKS was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, February 26, 1850, and is the eldest son of Almon and Lena Brooks. He worked at home until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Williamsport, where he lived several years, during which period he worked in a saw-mill. He then purchased a farm on Marsh creek, Tioga county, which he sold three years later to his brother-in-law

and went to the Manhattan tannery, where he worked as a teamster four years. He was afterwards a hostler at the same institution for eight years. In the spring of 1893 he moved to his present farm in Delmar township, which he had previously purchased and has since followed agricultural pursuits. Mr. Brooks was married in Westfield, Tioga county, May 3, 1880, to Miss Etta Davis. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, he is a Republican, and gives his support to the principles of that party.

RUSSELL LAWTON was born in Chenango county, New York, November 21, 1816, a son of Gideon and Polly (Dodge) Lawton, and grandson of Noyes and Cynthia (Rathbone) Lawton, all natives of Rhode Island. Russell was the fifth in a family of nine children, named as follows: Eliza, Thomas, Harry, Lucinda, Russell, Almira, William, Charles and Ira. The father was born November 11, 1786, and died February 13, 1841. The mother was born May 25, 1793, and died October 31, 1861. Russell was reared on a farm, obtained a common school education, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1839. He purchased a farm in Delmar township, and followed agricultural pursuits up to his death. He married Susannah B. Hardy—born in Delmar township January 19, 1823,—a daughter of Levi and Sally (Borden) Hardy, natives of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, respectively, and early settlers of Delmar township. They were the parents of five children, viz: Levi E., who died at eleven years of age; Gilderoy H., Warren, Francis R., and Edgar, all residents of Delmar township. Mr. Lawton departed this life October 29, 1888. His widow resides with their son, Francis R.

GILDEROY H. LAWTON was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, February 20, 1843, a son of Russell Lawton, and was reared upon the homestead, and attended the common schools of his district. On August 8, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad and Hatcher's Run. He was wounded at Spottsylvania, and was honorably discharged at Elmira, New York, with the rank of corporal, June 24, 1865. Returning to Delmar township, he bought his present farm of 100 acres, and has devoted his attention to its cultivation. On January 22, 1866, he married Mrs. Lydia M. Berry, nee Lawton, who had two children by her previous marriage, viz: Mary S., wife of E. E. Sherman, of Delmar, and George L., of Stony Fork. Mr. Lawton is a member of George Cook Post, G. A. R., and his wife is connected with the Woman's Relief Corps, of that post. In politics, he is a staunch Republican.

WARREN LAWTON was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, October 31, 1844, a son of Russell Lawton, was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools. On March 6, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor and Siege of Petersburg, and was discharged from the service July 18, 1865. He returned to his home in Delmar township, and settled upon his present farm of 125 acres, purchased while he was in the service, and has since made farming his vocation. Mr. Lawton was married February 13, 1867, to Clarissa L. Townsend, a daughter of Jacob F. Townsend, of Delmar, and has two children: Noyes, who married Clara Lyons, and has two sons, Perley W. and Russell P.; and Clara L., wife of William A. Luddington, of Delmar township, who has one daughter,

Clarissa M. Mrs. Lawton died April 22, 1892, aged forty-five years. Mr. Lawton is a staunch Republican, and is a member of the G. A. R., the I. O. O. F., the K. of G. E., and the P. of H.

EDGAR LAWTON, youngest son of Russell and Susannah B. Lawton, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 21, 1849. He was reared on the homestead farm, attended the district school in boyhood, and when twenty-three years of age purchased the C. G. Osgood farm in Delmar township, which he cultivated twelve years. He then sold it and purchased his present farm of ninety acres, a half mile west of Stony Fork, upon which he has since resided. He also followed the stonemason's trade in connection with his farm duties for ten years. He makes dairy farming a specialty, keeping on an average ten cows. Mr. Lawton was married February 20, 1872, to Agnes Orr, a daughter of Thomas Orr, of Delmar, and has two sons, Thomas R. and Frank R. Mrs. Lawton is a member of the Presbyterian church, and their son, Thomas R., is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry and the I. O. O. F. In politics, Mr. Lawton is a Republican.

LEVI HARDY was one of the early settlers of Delmar township, Tioga County, where he purchased a farm about 1827. He was a native of New Hampshire, a son of Rufus and Lucy (Livermore) Hardy, natives of New England. He married Sally Borden, who became the mother of nine children, viz: Rufus, John, William, Lorenzo, Dexie, Henrietta, Annie, Susannah B., who married Russell Lawton, and Adaline. Mr. Hardy was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in connection with agriculture up to his death, September 18, 1859. His widow survived him only a few months, dying February 27, 1860.

JAMES PLAYFOOT was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1815, a son of David and Elizabeth (Day) Playfoot, and was the eighth in a family of nine children, named as follows: David, Daniel, David (2d), Sarah A., John, Martha, Elizabeth, James and Jonathan, all of whom are dead except Elizabeth and James. The mother died in 1846, and the father, in 1856. James was four years old when his parents removed from Cincinnati to New York City, where his father engaged in the milk business. He attended the public schools of that city, and when fifteen years of age came with his parents to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where his father purchased 150 acres of timber land. The family staid but a couple of months, and then went to Sullivan county, New York, where James learned the blacksmith's trade. Two years later he went to Athens, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, to which place his father had previously moved, and followed his trade there five years. After a couple of months spent at Columbia Flats, he came to Covington, Tioga county, and continued to work at his trade for three years. Returning to Athens, he followed blacksmithing for about five years, with the exception of one year spent on his father's farm, and again came to Tioga county. He worked at his trade on Pine creek a few months, in Sullivan township three years, and at Covington fourteen years. At the end of this period he purchased a farm, which he subsequently traded for his present farm in Delmar, on which he has since lived. Mr. Playfoot was married February 12, 1843, to Susan A. Chapin, who has borne him the following children: David, who died while a soldier in the Rebellion; Mary, who lives with her mother in Wellsboro; Annie, deceased; Edward J., of Delmar; William, a minister residing in Monroe county; George J., of Delmar; Charles, deceased, and Sarah, who lives in Wells-

boro. Mr. Playfoot resides with his son Edward J., while his wife makes her home in Wellsboro with her two daughters. Both are members of the Baptist church, and in politics, he is a Republican.

EDWARD J. PLAYFOOT was born on November 24, 1849, a son of James and Susan A. Playfoot, and has made farming his life vocation. He worked in the lumber woods during the winter seasons from 1869 to 1879, since which time he has devoted his whole attention to the home farm. On April 17, 1879, he married Emma Grosjean, a daughter of Edward Grosjean, of Delmar, and has two children, Earl W. and Viva M. Mr. and Mrs. Playfoot and their son, Earl W., are members of the Baptist church, and also of the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics, he is a Republican.

CYRUS HEATH, born in Cayuga county, New York, in 1785, came to Tioga county in about 1840 and purchased a farm in Chatham township, where he followed farming and lumbering until his death, in 1857. He married Prudence Pierce, who bore him two children, Levi P. and Mary A., wife of William T. Hardin, of Wellsboro. Mrs. Heath died in 1866, aged seventy-five years.

LEVI P. HEATH, only son of Cyrus Heath, was born in Cayuga county, New York, in 1822, and was eighteen years old when the family came to Tioga county. He found employment in the lumber woods on Pine creek, which business he followed two years. He then bought a farm in Chatham township, which he later traded for one in Delmar. This he afterwards sold and moved to Wellsboro, where he died in 1878. He married Harriet Amelia Humphrey, a daughter of James V. and Harriet Humphrey, of Chenango county, New York, who bore him three children, viz: Georgianna, wife of William Avery, of Delmar; Thomas J. and Frank P., both residents of the same township. Mr. Heath was an ardent Democrat, and always gave his support to that party. His widow, who was born June 2, 1833, resides with her son, Frank P., in Delmar township.

FRANK P. HEATH, youngest child of Levi P. Heath, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 30, 1869. He was reared on a farm, and was educated in the district schools of his native township and at Wellsboro High School. Since his father's death he has cared for and supported his mother, working on a farm and in the lumber woods until November, 1893, when he settled on his present farm in Delmar township. Mr. Heath was married November 15, 1893, to Miss Stella M. Bernauer, a daughter of Samuel Bernauer, of Delmar township, and has one daughter, Hazel Gertrude. In politics, he is a Republican.

AUGUSTUS BARTLE, a native of Chenango county, New York, born June 19, 1796, was a son of John Bartle, a native of Massachusetts, and the father of seventeen children, of whom Augustus was the fourth child and oldest son. He learned the stone cutter's trade in boyhood, and followed it until 1841. In that year he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased the farm now owned by his son, Jacob C. He married Cynthia Buckley, a daughter of John Buckley, of Oxford, New York, who bore him ten children, viz: Augustus C., who died in 1890, in Texas; John, deceased; Jacob C., of Delmar township; Peter W., a resident of Arkansas; Hannah L., wife of George W. Williams, of Arkansas; Mary J., wife of Emanuel Impson, of Potter county; William V., who died in early youth; Emily E., widow of J. C. Wheeler, of Wellsboro; Ann A., wife of Lewis P. Hastings, and Amy

C., wife of Floyd Taylor, both residents of Delmar township. Mr. Bartle died in 1875, and his wife, in 1891, aged ninety years.

JACOB C. BARTLE was born in Oxford, Chenango county, New York, June 29, 1825, and lived in his native county until 1843, when he came to Tioga county, whither his father had preceded him some two years. He labored at farm work in the summer and in the lumber woods during the winter seasons, for six years. In 1849 he purchased 240 acres of land in Delmar township, but subsequently sold the greater portion of it, retaining seventy-two acres, upon which he has since lived. He operated a grist-mill on the place for twelve years, when it was burned. He then ran a mill in Charleston township for three years, at the end of which time he erected a mill upon the old site, conducted it four years, when it was again burned, and he has since devoted his whole attention to farming. Mr. Bartle was married April 6, 1848, to Eunice Bacon, a daughter of Oliver Bacon. She was born January 15, 1828, and bore him a family of seven children, viz: Henrietta H., who has been twice married, first to P. G. Lyon, by whom she had four children, and afterwards to J. T. Wortendyke, of Delmar township; Clara J., who died April 9, 1890; Eli, a resident of Shippen township; Adaline, wife of Henry J. Mitchell, of Delmar; Nellie E., wife of Wilbur F. West, of Delmar; Lottie T., wife of Charles L. Miller, of Addison, New York, and Eloise, wife of Clinton West, of Delmar township. Mrs. Bartle died September 7, 1890, aged sixty-two years. The family are adherents of the Presbyterian church, and in politics, Republicans. Mr. Bartle has been a school director for three years, and is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, born in Chenango county, New York, June 29, 1807, was a son of Andrew and Julia (Stephens) Taylor. His father was a native of Scotland, and his mother the first white female child born in Otsego county, New York. They were the parents of five children: William, Andrew, James, Cornelia and Martha, all of whom are dead. William was reared upon a farm, and married Caroline Webb, a daughter of James Webb, of Chenango county, New York, who bore him two children: William A., of Delmar township, and Julia A., wife of W. S. Moore, of the same township. In 1844 Mr. Taylor and family came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased the farm in Delmar township now owned by his son, William A. Here he resided until his death, June 19, 1877. His widow resides with William A. upon the old homestead.

WILLIAM A. TAYLOR, only son of William and Caroline Taylor, was born in Chenango county, New York, August 23, 1833, and was eleven years old when his parents settled in Delmar township. He attended the public schools, and also the Deerfield and Wellsboro Academies, and has since devoted his attention to agriculture, inheriting the farm purchased by his father in 1844. He commenced teaching school when nineteen years of age, and taught for twenty winters, seventeen of them in Delmar township. The Taylor homestead contains 150 acres, and is located one mile north of Olmsville. Mr. Taylor was married January 20, 1868, to Sarah M. Horton, a daughter of George and Harriet (Flagg) Horton. She was born June 21, 1843, and is the mother of four children, viz: Edith R., William R., Caroline H. and George L. Mrs. Taylor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. Taylor is a Republican, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. of G. E. societies.

LORON NOBLES, retired farmer, was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, February

11, 1812, a son of Elijah and Martha (Drake) Nobles. He was reared in his native town, and when eighteen years of age began work in a cigar factory, where he remained two years. For the succeeding five years he found employment in a brickyard, and afterwards worked two years in a butt factory. He worked five years in an ax factory, and for a short time as a farm hand. In 1844 he removed from Massachusetts to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased a farm of ninety-two acres in Delmar township, which he disposed of six years later and bought 100 acres in the same township. He sold the latter in 1887, and purchased his present farm, some five miles west of Wellsboro. On July 13, 1836, Mr. Nobles married Jane C. Russell, to which union were born the following children: Mary J., wife of Ira C. Wilson, of Delmar; William and George A., who enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died in the service; Ella, wife of William M. Wilson, of Delmar; Daniel L., of Tioga; Julia, wife of George W. Balfour, of Antrim, and Ferdinand E., a farmer of Delmar. In politics, Mr. Nobles is a Republican, and both he and wife are members of the Baptist church, and also of the Patrons of Husbandry.

FERDINAND E. NOBLES, youngest child of Loron and Jane C. Nobles, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, July 28, 1859, and obtained a common school education. When eighteen years of age he rented a farm, which he cultivated one year, and then went to Michigan and worked in the lumber woods for eighteen months. At the end of this time he opened a boarding house, which he carried on for a year and a half, and then returned to Tioga county. He worked for his father a short time, then purchased fifty acres of land from the latter, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the spring of 1894 he opened a small grocery store, which he conducts in connection with his farm. Mr. Nobles was married February 19, 1890, to Lida Boyden, a daughter of Charles F. Boyden, of Delmar, and has four children: Jesse L., Bessie J., Zorado Mildred and Clara Lydia. Mrs. Nobles is a member of the Baptist church. He is connected with the P. of H., and politically, is a Republican.

GEORGE VALSING was born in Germany, July 22, 1835, a son of Martin and Anna Valsing, who immigrated from Germany to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, with their family, consisting of three children, George, Walter and Veronia, and located on the present Valsing farm in Delmar township. Here Mr. Valsing died May 14, 1855, aged forty-nine years. His wife died May 17, 1870, aged sixty years, after an illness of four years. George was seven years old when the family came to this county, and grew to manhood on the homestead farm. On November 25, 1868, he married Clara Dartt, a daughter of Russell Dartt, of Delmar township, to which union were born four children, viz: Walter, born September 1, 1872; Nellie J., March 4, 1875, a graduate of the State Normal School at Lock Haven, and a teacher by profession; Hattie, October 24, 1878, and Russell, March 30, 1881, all of whom reside with their mother on the old homestead. Mr. Valsing died January 3, 1883. He was an ardent Republican, and an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church. The family attended that church, and Mrs. Valsing and her two oldest children are members of the Patrons of Husbandry. Walter has charge of the farm, and has proven himself a good son, and an energetic farmer.

FERDINAND T. STURMER was born in Prussia, Germany, January 10, 1803, there

learned the harness maker's trade, which he followed in his native land up to 1836. In that year he immigrated to New York City, worked at his trade there for a short time, and then came to Manchester, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he found employment in saw-mills for eight years. At the end of this time he purchased eighty acres of land in Delmar township, and devoted his attention to farming in the summer seasons and working at his trade in Wellsboro during the winter. In 1844 he married Diana Bernauer, who became the mother of five children, viz: George, of Delmar; Mary L., deceased wife of Walter Wetherbee; Maria A., deceased wife of Edward D. Fisher; Frances, wife of Robert L. Wilson, of Delmar, and Ferdinand, who died at the age of twenty. Mr. Sturmer died February 5, 1873, and his wife, December 13, 1887.

GEORGE STURMER, eldest child of Ferdinand T. Sturmer, was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, December 26, 1845. He was reared on a farm, attended the district school in boyhood, and worked for his parents until he was thirty-one years old. He then purchased the homestead farm from the other heirs, and operated it until 1886, when he sold the property and purchased his present farm of eighty-seven acres in Delmar township. He also owns fifty-three acres of timber land in Shippen. On June 13, 1877, Mr. Sturmer married Eliza Root, a daughter of George and Polly (Wilson) Root, of Liberty township. They are the parents of four children, viz: Ray V., deceased; Rank V., Ross M. and George E. He is a member of the P. of H., and politically, a Republican.

DANIEL FISHER was born in Germany, in 1815, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Lininger) Fisher. He grew to manhood in his native land, and in 1837 immigrated to the United States and found employment on a farm in New Jersey for three years. He subsequently clerked in a grocery store in New York City for several months, and then removed to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he spent one year. The following year he lived in Susquehanna county, on a farm, and then came to Tioga county. After working one year as a farm hand, he purchased 100 acres of land in Delmar township, located upon it, and has since been engaged in farming and lumbering. In 1842, he married Catherine Sticklin, a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Grosjean) Sticklin, to which union have been born nine children, viz: Margaret, wife of James English, of Kansas; Edward D., of Wellsboro; Adelia, wife of Nelson Wedge, of Kansas; Carrie, deceased; Mary, wife of Frank Parks, of Delmar; Henry, who lives with his parents; Annie, wife of Lewis Deane, of Delaware county, New York; John, a farmer of Shippen township, and Albert C., at home. Mrs. Fisher is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. Fisher is a Democrat, and has filled the office of school director.

EDWARD D. FISHER, eldest son of Daniel Fisher, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 18, 1845, was reared on the homestead and obtained a common school education. At the age of eighteen he began working in the lumber woods in Delmar township, which business he continued for eighteen years. He then purchased a farm in Delmar, cultivated it for eight years, and then sold it and bought his present farm of 106 acres within the borough limits. Mr. Fisher was married March 30, 1876, to Maria A. Sturmer, a daughter of Ferdinand T. and Diana (Bernauer) Sturmer, of Delmar. She died May 22, 1879, aged thirty-two years. He was again married March 5, 1883, to Corrinne West, a daughter of Luther and

Rosalthe (Keeney) West, of Middlebury township. They have an adopted son, Harry, born June 29, 1878. Mrs. Fisher is a member of the Christian church. In politics, Mr. Fisher is a Democrat, and has served as supervisor of Delmar and assessor of Wellsboro.

IRA D. HOTCHKISS was born in Harpersfield, Delaware county, New York, October 16, 1825, and is the youngest in a family of six children born to Joseph and Lydia (Davenport) Hotchkiss, only two of whom are living. The father died in 1831, aged forty-one years, and his wife, in 1875, aged eighty-three. Ira D. was reared on a farm, and obtained his education in the public school of his native town. In 1845 he came to Knoxville, Tioga county, where he was engaged as a clerk in a general store for five and a half years. He then went to Hornellsville, New York, and followed clerking for three years, at the end of which time he opened a store in Jasper, New York, where he carried on merchandising for six and a half years. Selling out he returned to Tioga county and rented a farm in Deerfield township, which he worked for six years, and then located on his father-in-law's farm in Delmar township. At the end of one year he moved to Bath, New York, to take charge of the Davenport Orphan Girls' Home farm, his wife serving as matron of that institution. They occupied these respective positions for six and a half years, and in 1872 again returned to Tioga county and purchased his present farm of sixty-seven acres, a short distance south of Wellsboro. Mr. Hotchkiss was married in 1854, to Sarah Bulkley, a daughter of George Bulkley, of Deerfield township, and has two children by that marriage: Lucy, wife of E. J. Tuttle, of Delmar, and Carrie, wife of Orrin Penfield, of Delaware county, New York. Mrs. Hotchkiss died in 1859, aged twenty-seven years. In 1864, he married Lucy Moore, a daughter of Richard Moore, of Delmar township. She is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and both she and her husband belong to the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics, Mr. Hotchkiss is a Republican, and has filled the offices of assessor and auditor of Delmar township.

DARIUS B. FORD, a native of Smithfield township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, born July 8, 1827, came to Tioga county in 1845, and purchased the present Ford farm in Delmar township. He cleared and improved this property, and devoted the balance of his life to farming and lumbering. Mr. Ford was married May 5, 1850, to Sarah A. Symonds, born on January 29, 1831. Six children were the fruits of this union, named as follows: Lautena M., Caroline G., wife of Charles W. Fuller, of Charleston township; Emeline L., wife of Hiram Tomb, of Delmar; Cassius M. and Elmer E., both residents of Delmar, and Clara S., wife of Lee English, of the same township. Mrs. Ford died March 15, 1882, and her husband, November 7, 1889.

CASSIUS M. FORD, second son of Darius B. Ford, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, April 16, 1859, and has spent his entire life upon the homestead farm, where he has devoted his attention to agriculture. He married Addie Dibble, a daughter of Calvin Dibble, October 27, 1877. Mr. Ford is a Republican, in politics, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Patrons of Husbandry.

VINE BALDWIN was born near Athens, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1784, the first white male child born in that locality. He was a son of Thomas and a grandson of Isaac Baldwin, pioneers of Bradford county. He married Sarah Burt, of

Chemung county, New York, who bore him seven children, as follows: Thomas, a resident of Troy, Bradford county; Vine H. and Robert C., both deceased; Mrs. Martha Kress, deceased; Mrs. Mary Pickering, deceased; Miles C., of Chemung county, New York, and Morgan. In 1834 Mr. Baldwin came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and bought a large tract of land on the "Big Marsh," now the site of Stokesdale, but after a few years' residence here he moved to Chemung county, New York, where he died in 1872.

VINE H. BALDWIN was born in Ridgebury township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, second son of Vine Baldwin. He was reared on a farm, and obtained a common school education. In 1847 he came to Tioga county and purchased eighty acres of land in Delmar township, to which he subsequently added by other purchases until he owned 365 acres. On May 27, 1853, Mr. Baldwin married Cynthia D. Boyden, a daughter of Addison Boyden, of Canada, to which marriage were born five children, viz: Thomas, a farmer of Delmar township; Charlotte, who died November 17, 1883; Rosette, wife of Eugene English, of Shippen; Alfred M., of Delmar, and Charles V., of the same township. Mr. Baldwin filled the offices of overseer of the poor and supervisor, and in politics, was a Republican. He died May 3 1887, and his wife, November 9, 1890.

ALFRED M. BALDWIN was born upon the present homestead farm, in Delmar township, Tioga county, July 4, 1864, a son of Vine H. Baldwin. He attended the district school, and when twenty-one years of age took charge of a farm in Delmar township given him by his father, where he has since lived. On December 17, 1887, he married Ella Ainsley, a daughter of Marvin Ainsley, of Potter county. In politics, Mr. Baldwin is a Republican.

JOSEPH MITCHELL was born in Yorkshire, England, December 24, 1832, a son of James and Martha (Driver) Mitchell, natives of Scotland and England, respectively. James Mitchell was a miner by occupation, and was a foreman of mines in England and Nova Scotia during the greater portion of his life. He was the father of the following children: Robert, William, Jeremiah, James S. and Charles, all of whom are dead; Henry, a retired mine owner of Nova Scotia; Grace and Thomas, both deceased, and Joseph, of Delmar. Mr. Mitchell died in Nova Scotia, aged fifty years. His widow came to the United States with her three sons, Henry, Thomas and Joseph, and located in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, whence they removed one year later to Blossburg, Tioga county, where the sons found employment in the mines. She died at the home of her son Joseph, in Delmar township, aged ninety-three years. The subject of this sketch was fifteen years old when his mother came to Pennsylvania. He worked in the mines near Blossburg four years, and later five years in the mines at Morris Run. He then moved to Liberty township, purchased a farm, and lived upon it ten years. Selling out, he bought coal lands in Morris township, now known as the "Mitchell Mines," and operated them for twelve years, at the end of which time he sold the property and bought his present farm in Delmar township, on which he has since resided. Mr. Mitchell was married July 15, 1854, to Sarah Langwith, a daughter of Henry Langwith, of Nova Scotia, who has borne him seven children, viz: Henry J., of Delmar township; Martha, who died at the age of four years; Grace, wife of Ford Kingsbury, of Hoytville; Jennie, wife of William Shaw, of Elmira, New York; Annie,

Sadie and Elizabeth, all of whom live with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and their three youngest daughters, are members of the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics, the family is strongly Republican.

HENRY J. MITCHELL, eldest child of Joseph Mitchell, was born in Morris Run, Tioga county, May 4, 1855, and was reared beneath the parental roof. From the age of twelve years he worked in his father's mines in Morris township, at which business he continued until he was twenty-four. He later conducted a hotel at Sand Run, Tioga county, for two years, and then purchased a farm on East Hill, Delmar township, which he cultivated five years. At the end of this time he sold out and bought his present farm, which originally embraced 172 acres, off which he has since sold seventy-two acres, leaving 100 acres of well-improved land, to which he has recently added thirty-one acres. He makes a specialty of dairy farming, keeping about sixteen cows. Mr. Mitchell was married July 29, 1879, to Adaline Bartle, a daughter of J. C. Bartle, of Delmar township, and has three children, viz: Martha, Harry B. and Eunice. Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the Presbyterian church. In politics, Mr. Mitchell is an ardent Republican, and has been assistant assessor of Delmar one term. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and his wife are members of the Daughters of Rebekah, and also of Stony Fork Grange, No. 1033, P. of H. They have always taken a deep interest in the growth and progress of Pomona Grange.

AUGUSTUS P. AND CHARLES KREISLER were natives of Bremen, Germany. The former came to the United States alone and located in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, purchasing the present Kreisler farm in Delmar township. Charles came out a few years later to visit his brother, and concluded to remain here. He married Martha Putman, a daughter of John Putman. She was born August 22, 1828, and became the mother of six children, as follows: William A., a lumberman on Marsh creek; Andrew J., a farmer in Nebraska; Eliza, deceased; Elias E., of Delmar; Nettie M., wife of William Vandergrift, and Franklin L. Charles Kreisler died in 1867, and his widow married his brother, Augustus P., who died April 6, 1884. Mrs. Kreisler lives with her son, Elias E., on the old homestead.

ELIAS E. KREISLER was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, September 10, 1854, a son of Charles and Martha Kreisler. He was reared on the farm, and attended the common schools of his district. Since the death of his step-father, Augustus P. Kreisler, he has owned and cultivated the homestead, which embraces eighty-seven acres. On October 28, 1885, he married Mary J. Bartle, a daughter of Ransford D. and Cordelia Bartle, and has two children, Della A. and Otto R. Mr. and Mrs. Kreisler are members of the Patrons of Husbandry, and he is also connected with the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM STATTS was born in Darmstadt, Germany, June 21, 1799, there grew to manhood and married Maria Doahvengen. In 1841 he immigrated with his family to Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked as a laborer seven or eight years, at the end of which period he came to Shippen township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and worked in the saw-mills for about fifteen years. He then removed to Delmar township, and made his home with his children until his death, May 2, 1870. To William and Maria Statts were born the following children: Johann, a resident of Richmond, Virginia; Margaret, deceased; John, of Delmar township; Henry W., of

the same township; Anna K., and James, both deceased. Mrs. Statts died November 7, 1885, aged eighty-six years.

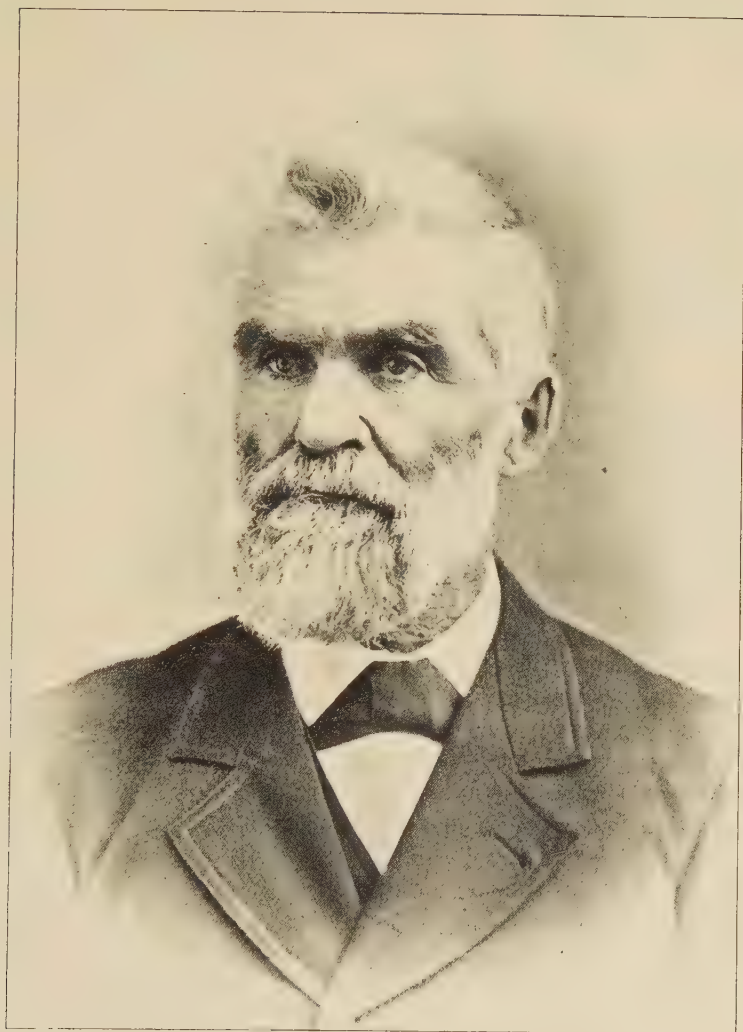
JOHN STATTS, eldest son of William Statts, was born in Germany, February 28, 1825, and came with his parents to Tioga county. He worked in saw-mills for fifteen years, during which time he bought his present farm of ninety-two acres, four miles west of Wellsboro. The land was then covered by the primitive forest, but by hard and diligent labor he has converted it into a fertile farm. In 1852 Mr. Statts married Mary Smith, and has reared three children, viz: Margaret, deceased wife of Charles Balfour; William A., who lives on the home farm, and Mary, wife of Joseph E. Fishler, of Delmar. Mr. Statts is a member of the Presbyterian church, while his wife is an adherent of the Catholic church. Politically, he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM A. STATTS, only son of John Statts, and grandson of William Statts, was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, May 6, 1854. He attended the common schools of this county, and has spent his entire life with his parents on the home farm. He was married September 28, 1875, to Anna Rosette Fischler, a daughter of John Fischler, of Delmar township. Six children have blessed this union, viz: Laura M., John W., Edward Lloyd, William Leon, deceased; Albert Joseph and Leo Leonard. The family are members of the Catholic church. In politics, Mr. Statts is a Democrat, and has served as clerk of Delmar for three terms.

HENRY W. STATTS was born in Germany, March 29, 1831, and came to Baltimore, Maryland, with his parents when about nine years old, and subsequently to Shippen township, Tioga county, where he worked in the saw-mills of that locality for eight years. He afterwards came to Delmar township, bought twenty acres of land on the Pine Creek road, and began farming. In 1884 he purchased his present farm of sixty-seven acres, on the Stowell road, four miles west of Wellsboro. Mr. Statts was married October 15, 1853, to Maria E. Kiphart, who has borne him four children, viz: Annie I., who died June 13, 1862; Carrie Viola, wife of M. W. Carpenter, of Cedar Run, Lycoming county; Rose who died in infancy, and Maud Ellen, a student at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Statts are members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

ALLEN WEBSTER, a native of Massachusetts, born November 22, 1805, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1825, and purchased a farm in Sullivan township, where he resided until his death. He was twice married. His first wife, Thanks Norton, was born September 5, 1806, and bore him six children, viz: Alvin N., of Delmar township; Solomon, deceased; James D., a farmer in Shippen township; Triphena, wife of Noah Bradway, of Richmond township; William, a farmer of Sullivan, and Ellen, deceased. His second wife was Laura Tinkham, who became the mother of three children, viz: Rhoda, Orso and Berdett, all residents of Sullivan township. Mrs. Webster died upon the homestead in that township.

ALVIN N. WEBSTER, eldest child of Allen and Thanks (Norton) Webster, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, April 5, 1829, was reared on a farm, and educated in the common schools. At the age of twenty-one he began working out as a farm hand and in the lumber woods, which he followed one year. In 1851 he purchased his present farm in Delmar township, of 103 acres, then covered with the primitive forest, which he has since cleared and improved, devoting his entire



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attention to agriculture. On July 8, 1856, he married Esther M. Wooster, a daughter of Moses Wooster, of Chenango county, New York. She was born March 8, 1832, and is the mother of four children, viz: Ellen E., deceased; Violetta, wife of Luther Walbridge, of Delmar; Carrie M., wife of Arthur Stratton, of Niles Valley, and Sarah L., wife of William F. Gitchell. Mr. Webster and wife are members of the Baptist church, and politically, he is a Republican.

JAMES OLMSTEAD, a native of Ireland, came to the United States in early manhood, and learned the blacksmith's trade, in which business he became quite proficient. He worked for many years at Milltown, near Waverly, New York, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1865. He purchased a farm near Wellsboro, upon which he passed the remaining years of his life. Mr. Olmstead was the father of five children, viz: Henry, a resident of Great Bend, New York; Stephen, deceased; Ashmond, a resident of Sayre, Bradford county; Jane, widow of George Ayres, of Sayre, and Clement P. He also reared two adopted daughters, viz: Mrs. Kate Denmark, of Wellsboro, and Mrs. Sarah Russell, of Delmar.

CLEMENT P. OLMSTEAD was born at Milltown, near Waverly, New York, in 1824, there grew to manhood, and in 1852 purchased the present Olmstead farm of 120 acres in Delmar township, Tioga county, upon which he settled the same year. Some years later he lost his mind, and in 1876 wandered away from home and never returned. It is supposed that he died in the dense forest then covering this portion of the county. He married Sarah J. Townsend, who reared three children, Jacob R., Francis H. and Charles E., all farmers of Delmar township. Mrs. Olmstead resides with her son, Jacob R., on the old homestead.

JACOB R. OLMSTEAD, eldest child of Clement P. and Sarah J. Olmstead, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, September 24, 1855. From the age of seven to fourteen years he worked out for his board and clothes, and had very little advantage to obtain an education. When fourteen years old, he commenced working as a farm hand in summer and in the lumber woods during the winter seasons, which he followed until 1881. He then rented a farm, which he cultivated four years. In 1885 he and his brother, Charles E., bought his present farm, but in 1889 he purchased his brother's interest. This is the same property owned by his father, which had passed out of the family's possession. Mr. Olmstead was married February 2, 1887, to Olive V. Stradley, a daughter of Archibald T. Stradley, of Lycoming county. They have four children, Lealon C., Cleovia J., and Gail A. and Gladys L., twins. Politically, Mr. Olmstead is a Republican.

RANSFORD D. BARTLE was born in Chenango county, New York, February 20, 1832, a son of John W. and Arvilla (Hill) Bartle. His father was born in Chenango county, January 28, 1804, a son of David Bartle, and married Arvilla Hill, a daughter of Chauncey Hill, in 1831. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Ransford D., of Delmar township; Erwin D., who resided on the old homestead in Chenango county, until his death, January 29, 1896; John S., deceased; David W., who died at Oxford, New York, February 3, 1897, and Newton D., a resident of Guilford, Chenango county. The father died November 7, 1871, and the mother, October 14, 1890, aged seventy-eight years. Ransford D. was reared on a farm, and worked at home until he was twenty years old. In 1852 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, purchased a farm in Covington township, and culti-

vated it eight years. He then sold it and came to Delmar township, where he purchased his present farm of 156 acres, on which he has since resided. Mr. Bartle was married June 22, 1854, to Cordelia Allen, a daughter of Thomas and Deborah (Walker) Allen, of Cazenovia, New York. Ten children have been born to this union, viz: Sophia A., wife of Edwin Campbell, of Delmar; Sarah Phinnie, wife of William Campbell, of the same township; Carrie D., deceased wife of William B. Eberenz; Thomas W., a miller at Stony Fork; Mary J., wife of Elias Kreisler, of Delmar; Alanson F., Birdie A., Arthur S., who married Isabel Copestick, a daughter of Charles Copestick, and Earl L., all of whom reside at home, and Lewis V., who died February 2, 1892, in his twelfth year. Mr. Bartle is a stanch Democrat, and one of the progressive farmers of Delmar.

LEWIS P. HASTINGS was born in Smithville, Chenango county, New York, May 2, 1833, a son of William P. and Diana (Johnson) Hastings. He is the youngest in the family of seven children, named as follows: Sarah A., Clarinda and John S., all of whom are dead; Elizabeth, widow of Lucius Campbell, of Stony Fork; Edward, deceased; Catherine, wife of C. E. Whitman, of Oswego, New York, and Lewis P. The subject of this sketch obtained a good common school education, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, when nineteen years of age. After working nine years as a farm hand, he bought his present farm of eighty acres in Delmar township, where he has since devoted his attention to farming. Mr. Hastings married Ann Augusta Bartle, a daughter of Angus Bartle, of Delmar township, and has three children, viz: Elva D., Fred B. and Charles L., all residents of Delmar. In politics, Mr. Hastings is a Democrat, and is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

PATRICK H. SCANLIN was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1832, a son of Thomas and Mary (Hennessy) Scanlin, natives of Ireland. Patrick is the third in a family of five children, viz: John, a resident of Bradford county; Annie, who died when six years old; Patrick H., of Delmar township; Thomas, who lives in Bradford county, and Mary, wife of James Hyde, of Sullivan county. Both the parents are deceased. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, attended the public schools of his native county, and when twenty-one years of age came to Tioga county and worked in the lumber woods five years. He then purchased his present farm of 160 acres in Delmar township, on which he has since lived. Mr. Scanlin was married February 1, 1861, to Ellen Johnson, a daughter of Abraham and Maryett Johnson, of Delmar township. Six children are the fruits of this marriage, named as follows: Charles, who married Dela Marshall, and lives in Wellsboro; Thomas, Mary, Annie, John, who died March 17, 1895, and Daniel, the last two being twins. Mr. Scanlin is a stanch Republican, and one of the substantial farmers of his township.

SYLVANUS MOORE was born in McDonough, Chenango county, New York, June 7, 1812, a son of Sylvanus Moore, a native of Connecticut, who came to Chenango county in early manhood, where he followed farming and was also agent for the Ludlow Land Company. He was twice married, and reared quite a large family, only five of whom are living. The parents died in New York state. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and attended the common schools of his native county. He followed farming and lumbering there until 1854, when he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased the farm in Delmar township on which

his son, William S., now resides. He married Mary D. Wilcox, a daughter of Simon and Anna Wilcox, to which union were born eight children, viz: Charlotte, widow of J. S. Coles; Henry, deceased; William S., of Delmar; Louisa, wife of Frank Dodge, of Elmer, Potter county; Uriah B., deceased; Adelbert, of Delmar; Emeline, deceased, and Herman S., a resident of Elmer, Potter county. Mrs. Moore died July 24, 1878, aged sixty-nine years. Her husband died March 27, 1895, in Outagamie county, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM S. MOORE was born in McDonough, Chenango county, New York, April 18, 1838, was reared upon the farm in his native county, and received his education in the common schools. He was sixteen years old when his parents located in Delmar township, Tioga county, and he remained at home assisting in the duties of the farm until his majority. He then began working in a saw-mill on Pine creek, but at the end of six months took a lumber job and rafted the lumber down Pine creek and the Susquehanna to Columbia, which business he followed two years. He then purchased 400 acres of timber land in Delmar township, and devoted four years to clearing and improving it, still continuing in the lumber business. In 1867 he moved on his present farm, once owned by his father, on which he has since resided. In 1865 he married Julia Adelaide Taylor, a daughter of William and Caroline (Webb) Taylor, of Delmar, and has two children, viz: Wilburn T., born December 26, 1867, who married Hulda Devowl, and has four children: Carl, Asyrius, Cleris and an infant daughter; and Marian, who married Alfred Walbridge, had two children, Marian and Florence, and died May 3, 1892. Mr. Moore and son are members of the I. O. O. F., and in politics, adherents of the Republican party.

JOHN FISCHLER was born in Germany, in 1832, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Hoagg) Fischler. He attended the public schools of his native land, and in 1854, when twenty-two years old, immigrated to the United States, coming soon afterwards to Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He worked on a farm for Samuel Dickinson one season, and then went to Charleston township, where he worked for James Kelley seven years. In 1862 he purchased his present farm of 112 acres, four miles west of Wellsboro, which he cleared and improved and upon which he has since lived. In 1856 Mr. Fischler married Wilhelmina Kohler, who is the mother of the following children: Anna R., wife of W. A. Statts, of Delmar; Lena, wife of Lewis B. Smith, of Delmar; Joseph E., a farmer in the same township; Louisa, wife of Joseph Glass, of Wellsboro; Sarah, wife of Daniel McCarty, of the same place; Maggie, wife of Otto Martz, also a resident of Wellsboro; Samuel and Mary, both living at home. The family are members of the Catholic church, and in politics, adherents of the Democratic party.

AVERY KENNEDY, a son of Alexander and Catherine (Brown) Kennedy, was born in Vermont, in 1800. He was reared on a farm, and made farming his life vocation, first locating in Springfield township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, whence he came to Tioga county about 1856. He purchased a farm in Delmar township, upon which he resided until his death, in 1870. He was a local preacher in the Free Will Baptist church, and preached the gospel in Bradford and Tioga counties. Mr. Kennedy was twice married. His first wife, Julia A. Wilcox, was the mother of seven children, viz: Philura and Mary A., both deceased; Avery J., of

Delmar; Daniel and Evelyn, both deceased; Alexander A., a resident of Minnesota, and Samuel W., of Delmar. His second wife was Axey Hugg, who bore him eight children, viz: Stephen F., of Wellsboro; Russell, of Middlebury; Olive, wife of Robert Francis, of Shippen; William, deceased; Lydia, wife of Dickison Francis, of Delmar; Hosea, of the same township; Jennie, wife of Thomas Ashley, and Letitia, wife of Frank Kennedy, both residents of Delmar.

SAMUEL W. KENNEDY, youngest child of Avery and Julia A. (Wilcox) Kennedy, was born in Springfield township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1834. He followed farming in his native county until the removal of the family to Delmar township, Tioga county, where he subsequently purchased his present farm of 132 acres, upon which he located in 1866. In 1855 he married Emma E. Wright, a daughter of James Wright, of Rutland township, Tioga county. She was born January 20, 1838, and is the mother of five children, viz: Charles E., a farmer of Shippen township; Amanda F., wife of Willard Ashley, of Shippen; Fannie M., wife of Isaac B. Horton, of Delmar; Lewis W., who was born July 31, 1862, purchased the homestead from his father in 1893, and has since cultivated it, and Delia M., who lives at home. Mrs. Kennedy is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and both she and husband, also their son, Lewis W., are connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics, the family are adherents of the Democratic party.

CHARLES GOODREAU was born in St. Hyacinthe, Canada, March 22, 1818, a son of Charles and Mary (Labeaux) Goodreau, and the eldest of a family of five children. When nineteen years of age he went to Saratoga county, New York, and followed farming some fifteen years. He then removed to Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the lumber business some years, and afterwards operated a tannery at Canton, Bradford county, from 1849 to 1852. In 1856 he came to Tioga county and located at Wellsboro, but three years later bought his present farm in Delmar township, where he has since devoted his attention to agriculture, with the exception of a short time that he owned and operated a saw-mill at Stony Fork. Mr. Goodreau was married June 9, 1875, to Maggie Kennedy, a daughter of George W. Kennedy, of Delmar. Five children are the fruits of this union, viz: William L., born October 6, 1876; Mary L., September 9, 1878; Charles L., September 13, 1880; Mortimer E., November 19, 1882, and Rex E., February 9, 1886. Mrs. Goodreau and children are connected with the Baptist church, and also with the Patrons of Husbandry. Politically, the family is Democratic.

SIMON GROSS, a native of Connecticut, born in 1782, came from Chenango county, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1840. He was a shoemaker, but followed farming in this county for two years, then removed to Potter county, purchased a farm, and was accidentally killed in 1848. He married Clarissa Starkey, who bore him nine children, viz: Abraham, Lucy, Currency, Morilla, Loduskey, Angeline (all of whom are dead), California, Ersula and William S. Mrs. Gross died in 1839, aged sixty years, and he subsequently married Julia E. Taylor, but had no issue by this marriage.

WILLIAM S. GROSS was born in Oxford, Chenango county, New York, May 11, 1825, and was fifteen years old when his parents came to Tioga county. Two years later he went with them to Potter county, where he followed farming up to 1857,

when he sold his property and bought a farm in Shippen township, Tioga county, on which he lived three years. He then sold it and purchased his present homestead in Delmar township, where he has devoted his attention to farming and the carpenter's trade, which he learned in early manhood. In 1847 he married Martha Taylor, who bore him three children, viz: William D., a blacksmith and farmer of Delmar; John D., a merchant, and Martha C. Mrs. Gross died in April, 1862, aged thirty-three years. In September, 1863, he married Julia E. Kennedy, and has two children by this union: Hiram A., of Delmar, and Emma, wife of Avery Francis, of Delmar. Mr. and Mrs. Gross are members of the Free Will Baptist church, and in politics, he is a Republican.

WILLIAM D. GROSS was born in Potter county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1850, and followed farming until he was twenty-five years of age. He then learned the blacksmith's trade, to which he devotes his principal attention, though he also gives some attention to agriculture. He is the owner of two farms in Delmar township.

HIRAM A. GROSS was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, September 4, 1863, a son of William S. and Julia E. Gross. He has followed farming and lumbering the greater portion of his life. On September 28, 1885, he married Rosa Francis, a daughter of Robert Francis, of Shippen township, and has two children, Samuel L. and Robert W. Mrs. Gross is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. Gross is a Republican, and is also a member of the K. of G. E. He resides on the old homestead with his parents.

LUCIUS L. RUSSELL was born in Hector, Tompkins county, New York, August 14, 1819, a son of Elijah and Esther (Austin) Russell. He obtained a common school education, and learned the carpenter's trade with his father, which he followed in New York until 1858. In that year he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased 100 acres of land two miles west of Wellsboro, upon which he settled and resided until his death, November 11, 1872. He followed his trade in connection with agriculture throughout his residence in this county. Prior to his settlement in Tioga county, he was superintendent of the public schools in Catlin, Chemung county, New York. Mr. Russell was married October 23, 1845, to Ann E. Morse, a daughter of Barak Morse, of Broome county, New York. She was born January 20, 1825, in Tully, Onondaga county, New York, and is the mother of seven children, viz: William O., of Wellsboro; Alice A., wife of Thomas D. Marsh, of the same borough; Kate E., wife of Henry Grosjean, of Stokesdale Junction; John M., of Delmar; Hattie U., wife of Edwin Matson, Jr., of Marsh Creek; Lucius L., of Delmar, and George M., of the same township. Mr. Russell was a member of the Presbyterian church, to which denomination his widow also belongs. She resides in Wellsboro.

JOHN M. RUSSELL, son of Lucius L. Russell, was born in Catlin, Chemung county, New York, July 17, 1853, received a common school education, and grew to manhood on the homestead farm. When twenty years of age he began working in the lumber woods on Marsh creek, at which he continued five years. He then bought two tracts of timber land on Heise run, and was in the lumber business up to 1889, when he rented the Edwin Matson, Sr., farm, and has since cultivated it. On April 25, 1877, Mr. Russell married Marian C. Derbyshire, a daughter of William T. Derbyshire, of Delmar township, to which union have been born four children, viz:

Harry H., Kate E., Charles F. and Lura D. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are members of the Protestant Episcopal church. In politics, he is a Republican, and is connected with the I. O. O. F.

ROBERT ORR, a native of Wigtonshire, Scotland, born in 1807, and a son of James and Catherine (Kenmure) Orr, was reared and educated in his native land, and there learned the weaver's trade. In 1828 he immigrated to New York City, where he worked at his trade a few years, and then removed to Onondaga county, New York. He continued working at his trade in that county up to 1849, in which year he removed to Wyoming county, where he spent ten years, only part of the time following his trade. In 1859 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and rented a farm one mile south of Wellsboro, in Delmar township, which he cultivated for two years. He then bought a farm adjoining that now owned by Thomas J. Orr, on which he passed the remaining years of his life, dying in September, 1891. He married Delia Cook, and to them were born four children, viz: Catherine, wife of W. E. Tyler, of Minnesota; Thomas J., of Delmar; Robert S., who was killed before Petersburg, September 9, 1864, while serving in the Union army, and Alice, deceased wife of A. C. Mack. Mrs. Orr died in 1887, aged seventy-nine years.

THOMAS J. ORR, only living son of Robert Orr, was born in Onondaga county, New York, May 2, 1842, and was educated in that county and Wyoming county. When seventeen years old he came to Tioga county with his parents, and worked on the homestead farm up to 1885, when he purchased his present property of 217 acres, a short distance northwest of Stony Fork, where he makes a specialty of dairy farming, usually keeping twenty-five cows. Mr. Orr was married March 8, 1864, to Ruth Willard, a daughter of Joseph Willard, of Delmar township, and has three children, viz: Robert J., Kate E. and Neva A. A daughter of his deceased sister Mrs. Mack, Laura D., also lives with them. Mr. Orr is a stanch Democrat, is a member of the K. of G. E., and both he and wife are connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. He is one of the substantial and progressive farmers of his township.

REUBEN HERRINGTON, a native of Owego, Tioga county, New York, born in 1785, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1821, and located on Pine creek, in what is now Shippen township, where he followed lumbering and farming. He married Eunice Ellis, who bore him nine children, five of whom are living, viz: Jacob, a resident of Potter county; Sally A., wife of C. L. Carsaw; Charles, of Delmar; Deroy, who lives upon the old homestead in Shippen township, and Harriet, wife of J. T. Purvis, of Niles Valley. Mr. Herrington died in 1861, and his wife in 1866.

CHARLES HERRINGTON, second son of Reuben Herrington, was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, December 23, 1821, was reared upon the homestead, and obtained a good education in the district schools and at Wellsboro Academy. When twenty-one years of age he opened a store near Gaines, in Potter county, but one year later removed to Middlebury, Tioga county, where he continued merchandising four years, when the store was burned. He had also followed lumbering in Potter county, which business he continued up to 1859, when he purchased his present farm in Delmar township. Mr. Herrington was married in 1849, to Sarah J., a daughter of John Mathers, who has borne him seven children, viz:

William M., a traveling salesman; Charles L., deceased; Happy, wife of Edward Bryden, of Wellsboro; Sadie, John P., Carrie, and Jennie, wife of Dr. Charles Main, of Clearfield county. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, adherents of the Republican party.

JOHN BURNETT was born in Ontario county, New York, April 18, 1821, a son of Frederick and Rachel (Wooden) Burnett, the former a son of Major Burnett, a Revolutionary soldier. John was the fifth in a family of nine children, named as follows: James, a resident of Orleans county, New York; Patrick and Lucelia, both deceased; Abigail, wife of Milo Bronson, of Brockport, New York; John, of Delmar township; Albert, Elizabeth and Louisa, all deceased, and Clinton, a farmer near Brockport. The father died in 1831, and the mother in 1854. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and came to Tioga county in the winter of 1859, prior to which time he had worked in a foundry. He rented a farm in Delmar township, and for the following seven years continued to cultivate rented farms on shares. He afterwards kept a boarding house at Blossburg one year, and ran a saw-mill at Tiadaghton the following year. In May, 1868, he purchased his present farm of ninety-three acres in Delmar township, and has since devoted his attention to its cultivation. Mr. Burnett was married in January, 1845, to Delia A. Sears, a daughter of Leonard Sears, of Brockport, New York, who died May 15, 1893, leaving a family of four children, as follows: Franklin A., who lives at home; George F., a merchant and real estate dealer at Galeton; Viola, wife of Edward D. Crippen, and Louisa, wife of Jay Crippen, both residing in Galeton. In politics, the family support the Republican party.

HARRY DANIELS WHEELER was born in Oxford township, Chenango county, New York, June 20, 1839, a son of Harry D. and Lucina (Race) Wheeler, natives of New York and Massachusetts, respectively, and of English, Irish and German ancestry. His father was born in Chenango county, New York, in 1800, was a carpenter, and died in his native town in 1850. His mother died in June, 1892, aged eighty-six years. The subject of this sketch went to work for a farmer in Coventry, Chenango county, when fourteen years of age, and remained with him until he was twenty-one. In 1860 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located at Stony Fork, in Delmar township, and engaged in lumbering. In 1864 he purchased thirty-five acres of land in Delmar, upon which he settled in 1866. He continued in the lumber business until 1875, when he went to Wellsboro as a clerk in the grocery store of his brother, J. C. Wheeler and C. L. Wilcox, with whom he remained two and a half years. He subsequently traveled three years on the road selling cigars and tobaccos for Thorn Brothers, of Binghamton, New York, and afterwards filled a similar position with George A. Kent & Company, of the same city. Returning to his farm in Delmar, he was soon after appointed collector of the township, and served ten years, and later served nine years as constable. In the fall of 1888 he was elected, on the Democratic ticket, a county commissioner, served three years in that office, and has since given his attention to farming. He purchased his present farm of 120 acres in 1874. Mr. Wheeler was married June 16, 1864, to Ruth E. Horton, of Green township, Chenango county, New York, who bore him five children, viz: Edward M., Ruth E., Lucina, Arthur B and Grace M. Mrs. Wheeler died December 4, 1882, and he was again married September 2, 1885, to

Ida T. Butler, of Delmar township, who is the mother of one child, Bertha. Mrs. Wheeler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and both she and her husband are connected with the P. of H. In politics, he is an unswerving Democrat.

THOMAS ORR was born in Wigtonshire, Scotland, August 12, 1812, a son of James and Catherine (Kenmure) Orr, the former a sailor by occupation. Thomas was educated in the common schools of his native country, and there learned the stonemason's trade. In September, 1851, he immigrated to Arcade, Wyoming county, New York, where he worked at his trade until April, 1865, when he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased a farm in Delmar township, upon which his son Charles now resides. He followed farming there until 1888, when he retired and bought his present home at Stony Fork, where he and his wife are passing their declining years in peace and comfort. Mr. Orr was married January 25, 1842, to Charlotte McLees, a native of Scotland. They are the parents of nine children, viz: Elizabeth J., Sarah, Charles, Charlotte, Agnes, Mary A., Margaret, Maria and Isabel. Mr. Orr and wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics, he is a Republican. He has served three years as a school director, and has always taken a deep interest in educational matters.

CHARLES ORR was born in Scotland, February 11, 1847, and is the only son of Thomas and Charlotte Orr. He was in his fifth year when the family came to the United States, and he obtained his education in the common schools of Wyoming county, New York. He learned the carriagemaker's trade, but after the family came to Tioga county, he worked upon the farm in Delmar township. In 1870-71, he worked at his trade, and in 1875 purchased his present farm from his father, and has since devoted his attention to agriculture. Mr. Orr was married December 15, 1871, to Mary A. Symonds, a daughter of Job W. Symonds, of Delmar township, to which union have been born six children, viz: Harry E., William M., Charles T., Grace C., deceased; Ella M. and Charlotte S. Mr. Orr is a member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics, a Republican. He has served as a school director for the past fifteen years. He makes dairy farming a specialty, keeping twenty-five cows, the product from which he sells to Stony Fork Creamery Company, in which he is a stockholder and director.

JOHN M. GENTRY, physician and surgeon, of Stony Fork, was born in Green county, Virginia, February 26, 1843, a son of John and Caroline (Douglass) Gentry, and of English and Scotch extracation. His father was born in Virginia, in 1812, was a farmer by occupation, and died in June, 1888. His mother, born in 1813, lives with a son on the old homestead farm in Virginia. John M. was reared on the homestead, and was educated in the public schools of his native county. He came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1869, and in 1872 purchased a farm in Delmar township, upon which he worked until 1881. He then commenced the study of medicine with Dr. C. W. Webb, of Wellshoro, attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, and graduated from that institution in the spring of 1884. He then sold his farm, and commenced practice at Stony Fork in June, 1884, which he has successfully continued up to the present. Dr. Gentry was married July 13, 1869, to Miss Emma Herrington, a daughter of George W. Herrington, of Shippen township, and has two children, E. Blanche and George

W. Dr. Gentry is the only physician in Delmar township outside of Wellsboro, and enjoys a lucrative practice.

SAMUEL NAVIL was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, a son of John and Rebecca (Kline) Navil. His father was born in Lycoming county, in 1808, and was twice married. By his first wife, Rebecca Kline, he reared five children, viz: Jacob, of Lycoming; George, of Wellsboro; Samuel, of Delmar, Andrew, who lives in Lycoming county, and Rebecca, deceased. His second wife was Elizabeth Gamell, who bore him the following children: Emily, James, who was killed in the Civil war; Ellen, Albert, Robert, who was killed in the war; Elizabeth, John, Philip, Harriet and Mary. Samuel received a common school education, and when twenty-one years old began farming on shares, which he continued up to 1872. In that year he came to Tioga county and purchased a farm in Delmar township on which he has since lived. In 1851 he married Anna Eliza Bevier, of Lycoming county, and has three children: Hannah E., wife of Daniel Horton, of Delmar; Orrin J., and Lois A., wife of Lorenzo Tomb, of Delmar. Mrs. Navil is a member of the Free Will Baptist church, and both she and Mr. Navil are connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics, he is a Democrat.

ORRIN J. NAVIL, only son of Samuel Navil, was born in Cummings township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1854. He obtained a common school education, and when twenty-one years old purchased sixty-one acres of timber land, in partnership with E. J. Playfoot, from which they sold the bark. He then rented a farm in Delmar, which he cultivated three years, and later carried on a grocery store at Kennedy five years. He afterwards conducted a restaurant at Westfield one year, then returned to Kennedy, where he resumed the grocery business, in which he continued three years. In 1890 he purchased his present farm of eighty acres, and has since devoted his attention to farming. On November 3, 1876, he married Marian Grosjean, a daughter of Edward Grosjean, of Delmar. Mr. Navil was postmaster at Kennedy from 1881 to 1892. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of G. E., and the P. of H.

ROBERT B. WILSON was born in Harford county, Maryland, September 7, 1817, a son of William K. and Sarah (Miller) Wilson. When eight years old he began a seafaring life as cabin boy, and finally rose to the captaincy of a sailing vessel on Chesapeake bay. In 1839 he gave up that occupation and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in lumbering on Little Pine creek, continuing that business for eighteen years. He afterwards acted as a pilot on the West Branch of the Susquehanna river up to 1881, when he engaged in farming in Delmar township. He had previously purchased the Dr. Archer farm in Morris township in 1859, but sold it in 1885 and bought his present farm in Delmar. Mr. Wilson married Jane McMasters, who bore him six children, viz: William Mc., of Delmar; Kenly, who died at the age of forty-three years; Anna, wife of John Black, of Liberty township; Mary Etta, wife of William Blackwell, of Morris township; Robert L., of Delmar, and Frank, who died in infancy. Mrs. Wilson died in 1852, and he was again married, to Mary Kriner, to which union were born seven children, viz: Sarah J., wife of Thomas Blackwell, of Morris; Frank and Ida, both of whom died in childhood; Libbie, wife of B. C. Fish, of Morris; Ulysses G., of Delmar; Samuel D., of Delmar, and Mina, wife of Samuel Campbell, of the same township. Mr.

Wilson now resides with his son, Robert L., in Delmar township. His wife died in May, 1896, aged sixty-eight years.

ROBERT L. WILSON was born in Morris township, Tioga county, August 17, 1850, and is the youngest living child of Robert B. and Jane (McMasters) Wilson. He was reared on the farm, attended the district schools in boyhood, and on obtaining his majority worked in the lumber woods four years in Tioga county. He then located on his present farm, which he had purchased in 1872, and has since been engaged in farming. He owns twenty acres in Delmar, and fifty in Shippen township, and has cleared and improved most of his present property. Mr. Wilson was married June 1, 1875, to Frances Sturmer, a daughter of Ferdinand T. Sturmer, and has one daughter, Edith M. Politically, he is a Republican, and is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

GEORGE W. WEST was born in Southport, New York, December 12, 1818, a son of Jonathan West, a Baptist minister. Before reaching manhood he came to Pennsylvania, locating in Troy, Bradford county, where he lived until twenty-six years of age. He then came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, and followed the shoemaker's trade, but was soon afterwards elected constable and made a faithful and fearless officer. He also served as deputy sheriff and was instrumental in breaking up the band of horse thieves and counterfeiterers on Pine creek, and arrested the noted counterfeiter, Winslow. He removed to Michigan and remained there a year and a half, and then returned to Wellsboro. On February 4, 1846, he married Abigail Ritter, a daughter of Daniel and Lydia Ritter. To this union were born ten children, viz: Henry Dallas, a resident of Nebraska; Georgiana, deceased; Mary, wife of Orr Kennedy, of Wellsboro; George, who lives in Seattle, Washington; Clinton, a resident of Delmar township; Alice, wife of Warren Callen, of Michigan; Wilbur F., a resident of Delmar; Hannah, wife of M. Ogden, of Cedar Run; Adney, a resident of Idaho, and Allen, deceased. Mr. West followed farming for a number of years and also kept a hotel at Stony Fork. In 1879 he removed to Nebraska, remained there until 1888, and then returned to Tioga county, locating in Charleston township, where he resided until his death, May 9, 1896.

CLINTON WEST was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, April 7, 1857, a son of George W. West. When fourteen years of age he began making his own living, working as a farm hand and in the lumber woods of his native county for several years. He then went to Bradford county, where he worked upon a farm two years. Returning to Tioga for a short period, he afterwards went to Nebraska, but came back a year later and continued working on a farm and in the lumber woods. He finally rented a farm, and in the spring of 1887 bought forty acres of his present homestead, to which he added fifty-one acres more in the fall of 1888, on which he has since resided. Mr. West was married June 29, 1884, to Eloise Bartle, a daughter of J. C. Bartle, of Delmar, who has borne him four children, viz: J. Frederick, Lottie, Harvey D., deceased, and Harold J. Mr. West is a member of the Grange, and also of the K. of G. E. In politics, he is an independent voter.

WILBUR F. WEST was born in Wellsboro, May 2, 1860, a son of the late George W. West, of Charleston township. When sixteen years of age he began working out as a farm hand, which business he followed several years, and subsequently bought sixty acres of land in Delmar township. He sold this farm later and pur-

chased his present farm of ninety acres, on which he has since lived. Mr. West was married May 11, 1881, to Nellie E. Bartle, a daughter of J. C. Bartle, of Delmar, to which union have been born five children, viz: Flora E., Nellie M., Eunice, Wilbur T., and Allen J. Mr. West and wife are members of the Grange, and adherents of the Baptist church. He is connected with the K. of G. E., and in politics, he is a Democrat.

MINER BENJAMIN was born in 1814, in St. Lawrence county, New York, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1843. Here he married Sarah Wilson, of Liberty, Tioga county, in 1845. He followed lumbering as an occupation until 1868, when he was accidentally killed by being struck by a log. To Miner and Sarah Benjamin were born six children, viz: Frances, wife of the late Robert Quimby, of Lycoming county; William Q., who married Margaret Roland, of Wellsboro; Clara, wife of George Greene, of Wellsboro; Janette, wife of Charles Steele, of Delmar; Charles W., who died when he was fourteen months old, and Elmer E. The family is connected with the Baptist church.

ELMER E. BENJAMIN was born in 1863, in Tioga county. His father was killed when our subject was five years old, and since then he has lived with his mother on the homestead farm in Delmar township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. In 1893 Mr. Benjamin was elected clerk and treasurer of Delmar township and served three years. In politics, he is a Republican. Mr. Benjamin was married June 22, 1893, to Nellie Wheeler, of Wellsboro, a daughter of the late J. C. Wheeler.

DARIUS C. ANDREWS was born near Burlington, Rutland county, Vermont, April 4, 1812. When he was about eighteen months old his parents started for Tioga county, New York, but before the journey was completed his mother died, and he was given to an aunt, Mrs. Thomas Caulkins, an early settler of Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Here he grew to manhood and married Jane Coombs, who was born in Steuben county, New York, October 10, 1815. She became the mother of seven children, as follows: Deborah D., widow of William Brockway, of Port Huron, Michigan; Anna, wife of Albert Brown, of Roaring Branch, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania; Thomas, a resident of Mason City, Iowa; Catherine, wife of Alexander Miller, of North Yakima, Washington; Harriet, wife of a Mr. Brown, of Salem, Oregon, and two that died in infancy. About 1837 Mr. Andrews removed to Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, where he lived five or six years and then returned to this county, locating in Chatham township. Here he remained about ten years, when he went to Steuben county, New York, but soon returned to Tioga county. About 1879 he settled on a farm on Marsh creek, in Delmar township, where he died September 3, 1893. Mrs. Andrews is living with her daughter, Mrs. Harriet Brown, in Salem, Oregon, at the ripe age of nearly eighty-two years. In 1857 an estrangement arose between Mr. Andrews and his wife, which resulted in a legal separation. In 1861 he married a Mrs. Potter, of Troupsburg, New York, who bore him two children, viz: Flora, wife of Walter French, of Mills, Potter county, and Abram D., of Marsh Creek.

FRANCIS M. ANDREWS, eldest child of Darius C. and Jane (Coombs) Andrews, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, October 8, 1835. After receiving a common school education, he learned the millwright's trade, at which he worked in Middlebury and Elk townships. In the winter of 1854 he went to Canada and

a year later to Wisconsin. He remained in the latter twenty-three years and became a prominent lumberman and mill operator, owning and operating mills at Merrill, Lincoln county, Wisconsin. About 1877 he removed to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, where he followed agriculture until 1881 and then returned to Tioga county and took charge of his father's farm. To this he has since added until he now owns 285 acres. Mr. Andrews was married September 10, 1868, to Theresa J. Beeman, a daughter of Stephen Van Rensselaer and Lorena Beeman, of Middlebury township. She bore him four children, viz: Frank M., Lulu, deceased; Fred B., and Raymond. Mrs. Andrews died February 22, 1879, and September 15, 1880, he married Ella Chamberlain, a daughter of Joel and Ellen (Wait) Chamberlain. Mr. Andrews is a Republican, and served as county supervisor of Lincoln county, Wisconsin, seven years, and also as a school director, and has filled the offices of assessor and auditor of Delmar township. He is a member of both lodge and chapter in the Masonic order, and also of the Grange. Mr. Andrews and wife are adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES HODDER, a native of South Wales, born May 20, 1841, is a son of Simeon and Anna (Watkins) Hodder, natives of the same country. His parents reared a family of eleven children, seven of whom came to the United States. James was the eldest, and worked with his father in the coal mines of his native land until 1869, when he immigrated to Pennsylvania and found employment in the mines at Fall Brook, Tioga county, where he worked until 1872. He then went to Antrim, and continued at the same business for ten years. In the meantime he had purchased fifty acres of land at Hoytville, in 1874, which he sold in 1880 to the Hoytville Tannery Company, upon which the tannery works were subsequently erected. He then bought his present farm of eighty-six acres in Delmar township, upon which he located in 1881, since which year he has devoted his attention to agriculture. Mr. Hodder was married December 24, 1861, in South Wales, to Margaret Davis, and they are the parents of eleven children, viz: Margaret A., wife of Elmer Emmick, of Morris; Florence, Benjamin Sidney, Simon James, Libbie, deceased; Elizabeth, Lillie, Katie, Emma, Mary and William C. Mr. and Mrs. Hodder are members of the First Baptist church of Delmar. In politics, he is a Republican, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the P. of H. societies.

GEORGE F. RAISH, farmer and lumberman, was born in Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1859, a son of Godfrey and Jane (Olewine) Raish, natives of Lackawanna and Monroe counties, respectively. His father was a lumberman, and died in 1874, aged forty-three. His mother died in 1865, aged twenty-five years. They were the parents of four children, viz: George F., Charles A., a resident of Colorado; William, deceased, and Samuel, who resides in Snyder county. The subject of this sketch came to Tioga county in September, 1879, and found employment in the Leetonia tannery for eight years. While there he bought thirty acres of land in Delmar township, upon which he settled after leaving the tannery. He followed teaming four years, and then took a large bark and lumber contract, and in the next three years got out 3,700 cords of bark, and 7,400,000 feet of lumber. He later took a large contract to supply a Penn Yan, New York, firm with bark and lumber, which proved a successful venture. He recently purchased a farm of 120 acres immediately west of Draper, and devotes his atten-

tion to farming and lumbering. On July 4, 1879, Mr. Raish married Amelia George, a daughter of Levi George, of Luzerne county. They are the parents of the following children, viz: Charles, Edgar, Walter, Ivan C., Leonard, Freeman, Lee G., Violet A., and one that died in infancy. Mr. Raish and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, he is a Republican. He is also connected with the P. of H., the K. of G. E., the I. O. O. F., and the F. & A. M., in all of which he takes a deep interest.

JOHN LAGERBOM was born in Sweden, March 1, 1839, a son of Carl Lagerbom. He worked as a farm hand and in the construction of railroads in his native land until 1871, when he immigrated to Pennsylvania and worked one year on the Fall Brook railroad. He then found employment at the Mansfield furnace, where he remained one year, and for the following eight years worked in the mines at Morris Run and Antrim. In 1881 he purchased ninety-four acres of timber land in Duncan township, which he cleared up and improved. He resided upon it until the spring of 1892, when he bought his present farm of 156 acres in Delmar township, on which he has since resided. Mr. Lagerbom married Caroline Oleson, and has four children, viz: Mary H., who lives in Chicago; Jennie, wife of Lloyd Henry, of Delmar; Charles, and Eva, both of whom live with their parents. The family are members of the Lutheran church, and in politics, Mr. Lagerbom, is a Republican. He is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP.

PETER SHUMWAY, a native of Massachusetts, was one of the early settlers of Tioga county. He was a veteran of the Revolution, in which he served nearly seven years, and received a discharge signed by George Washington which is now in possession of his great-grandson, Peter E. Shumway, of Wellsboro. He located south of Mansfield about 1805, and a year later removed to Charleston township, settling on the place since known as the Shumway homestead, near the line of Delmar. Here Mr. Shumway and wife, Dolly (Nichols) Shumway, passed the remaining years of their lives. Both died in the early thirties. They reared a family of six children, named as follows: Lydia, who married Joseph Wilson; Clarissa, who married Samuel Palmer; Jerusha, who married William Palmer; Zilpha, who married Luther Johnson; Lucretia, who married Alden Thompson, and Sleeman, all of whom are dead.

SLEEMAN SHUMWAY, only son of Peter Shumway, was born in Massachusetts, April 10, 1797, and was eight years old when his parents came to Tioga county. His subsequent life was spent on the old homestead on Shumway Hill, in Charleston. He married Desdemona Whitmore, of that township, and reared the following children: Joseph, deceased; Peter, a resident of Wisconsin; Luther, of Charleston township; William P., also a resident of Charleston, and Hiram, who lives in Wisconsin. Mr. Shumway died on his farm May 3, 1864, and his wife April 11, 1882, aged eighty-eight years and five months.

WILLIAM P. SHUMWAY was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, April 9, 1823, a son of Sleeman and grandson of Peter Shumway. He received a common school education; was reared on the homestead farm, and has made agriculture his life vocation, being to-day one of the successful farmers of his township. On April

15, 1847, he married Mary Bacon, a daughter of Elmer and Mary Bacon, early settlers of Charleston. She was born November 3, 1828, and became the mother of seven children, viz: Ellen, wife of Elbert Johnson, of Corning; George, Arthur and Peter E., all residents of Wellsboro; Mary, who died April 23, 1877; Clarence and Clara, twins, the former a resident of Corning and the latter of Wellsboro. Mrs. Shumway died September 12, 1877. February 22, 1882, Mr. Shumway married Lucretia Austin, a daughter of Nelson and Lydia Austin, of Charleston. Politically, he is a Republican, and has served as treasurer and supervisor in his township.

JOSEPH THOMPSON was born in Stonington, Connecticut, January 5, 1757, and was the youngest son of a family of eighteen children, consisting of twelve sons and six daughters. He was reared to manhood in his native State and served in the Revolutionary War. He later removed to Otsego county, New York, where he married Catherine Coates, who bore him five children, viz: Joseph, Alanson, Lucretia, who married James Kimball, an early hotel-keeper of Wellsboro; Cynthia, Lorinda, who became the wife of Col. Hiram Freeborn, for many years a prominent business man of Knoxville, and Alden, who settled in Charleston township. Mr. Thompson came to Tioga county before 1820 and made his home with his children, some of whom had preceded him, settling on Shumway Hill, in Charleston township. He died November 23, 1842, aged eighty-five years, ten months and eighteen days, and was buried in the old cemetery at Wellsboro.

ALDEN THOMPSON, youngest son of Joseph Thompson, was born in Otsego county, New York, December 18, 1794. When about nineteen years of age he came to Tioga county, but did not locate permanently until after his majority, when he bought eighty-seven acres of land on Shumway Hill, in Charleston township, containing a small clearing. This tract he afterwards added to until he was the owner of 200 acres. He passed through the experiences of pioneer life, and by rigid industry became a prosperous farmer. Mr. Thompson was married about 1820, to Lucretia Shumway, a daughter of Peter Shumway, a Revolutionary soldier and the first settler on Shumway Hill. Two children were born to them, viz: Charles K., for many years a well-known physician of Wellsboro, and Darwin, now a resident of the same place. Mr. Thompson died March 7, 1872, and his wife May 5, 1872.

DARWIN THOMPSON, youngest son of Alden Thompson, and grandson of Joseph Thompson, was born on the old homestead in Charleston township, August 28, 1829. He was educated in the common schools and at Wellsboro Academy, and made farming his life vocation. He resided in Charleston township until 1888, when he removed to Michigan, remaining there one year. Returning to Tioga county, he located in Wellsboro, where he still resides, but continues to carry on his farm of 200 acres in Charleston. Mr. Thompson was married December 6, 1864, to Adeline Warner, a daughter of Bostwick and Priscilla Warner, of Chenango county, New York. She died April 6, 1865. On January 21, 1874, he married Mrs. Ellen Kriner, widow of Darius Kriner, of Delmar, who has borne him two children, viz: Lucretia E. and Viola F. In politics, Mr. Thompson is a Republican, has filled the office of school director, and was for eight years clerk of Charleston township.

JAMES GILLIS DARTT was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1822, a son of James and Mary (Gillis) Dartt, pioneers of that township. He was educated in the public schools, and has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits. On March 23, 1843, he married Emily Tipple, of Verona, Oneida county, New York, who became the mother of ten children, as follows: Ella, wife of David Dockstetter, of Charleston township; David, deceased; Clarinda, deceased wife of James K. Austin; Robert, a physician of Bellefonte, recently deceased; Orville, a farmer of Charleston; Alice, wife of Edwin Winters, of the same township; Fannie, wife of James K. Austin, Charleston; Emily, wife of Vine Losey, of Charleston; Effie, wife of Edward Fleitz, also of Charleston, and Sadie, who lives at home. Mrs. Dartt died August 25, 1893. In politics, Mr. Dartt is a Republican; has been a school director for several terms, and was appointed postmaster at Charleston under President Lincoln's administration, which office he filled continuously up to 1894, receiving in his final settlement with the United States government a check for two cents, being the amount due him to balance his account. This is said to have been one of the smallest checks ever drawn in the United States.

CALEB AUSTIN, a native of New England, was one of the early settlers of Charleston township, Tioga county, locating on the land now occupied by the poor farm, about the beginning of the present century. He married Clarissa Peterson, who bore him nine children, named as follows: Caroline, deceased wife of James Kimball, of Wellsboro; Adeline, deceased wife of Rudolph Christenot; Emily, who married Luman Fenton, of Cherry Flats; Charles, a farmer in Charleston township; Nelson, deceased; Angeline, deceased wife of Col. Alanson E. Niles; Nathan, deceased; Ruth, wife of John Doumaux, and Benjamin, deceased. Mr. Austin and wife spent their declining years in Charleston township, and died upon the old homestead.

CHARLES AUSTIN was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, August 15, 1815, a son of Caleb Austin. He attended the subscription schools of pioneer days, and worked on the homestead farm for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-eight years. He then bought a farm in Charleston township, on a part of which he now resides, and has devoted his entire attention to agriculture. He married Sarah Losinger, of Wellsboro, who bore him seven children, viz: Dwight, deceased; Hiram J., S. C. and C. N., all of whom are farmers in Charleston township; Clarissa, wife of Joshua Atherton; Mary Josephine, wife of George Wilkinson, and Sarah Angeline, deceased. Mrs. Austin died upon the homestead farm, where her husband now resides.

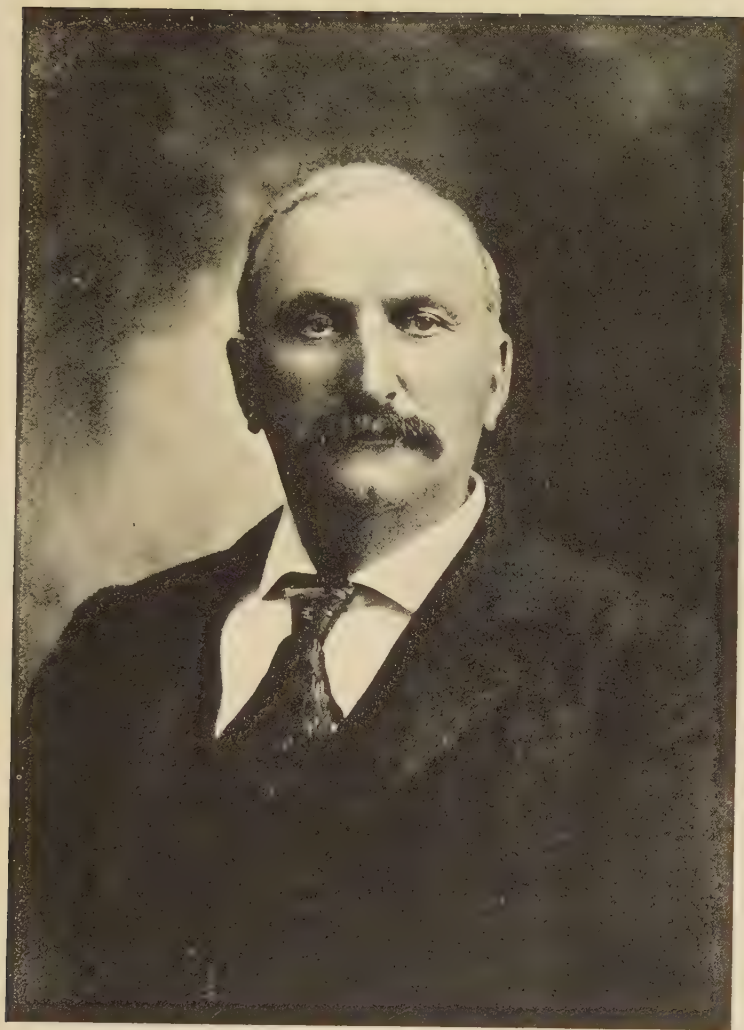
C. N. AUSTIN, youngest son of Charles Austin, and grandson of Caleb Austin, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, December 25, 1855. He attended the common schools of his native township, and assisted his parents on the farm until twenty-four years of age, when he began life for himself. In 1881 he bought his present place of seventy-five acres, where he has since continued in agricultural pursuits. November 21, 1879, Mr. Austin married Rosella Wilkinson, a daughter of William Wilkinson, of Charleston township, and has two children, Blaine Dwight and Mary A. In politics, a Republican, he has filled several local offices, and is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

NORMAN ROCKWELL, a native of Vermont, was an early settler of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He located at Cherry Flats, where he operated a general store, and was made postmaster at that point when the office was established, which position he filled for twenty-five years. He died at his home in 1883, leaving three children, viz: Levi E., a farmer of Sullivan township; Silas S., of Charleston, and Amy E., wife of Jerome B. Potter, of Washington, D. C.

SILAS S. ROCKWELL was born at Cherry Flats, Tioga county, and is a son of Norman Rockwell. He was reared on a farm, and obtained his education in the common schools. In early manhood he engaged in stock dealing for several years, was later deputy sheriff under Jerome B. Potter, and has since devoted his attention to farming in Charleston township. He married Alice Harkness, a native of New York state, to which union have been born the following children: May R., wife of F. A. Halstead, of Elizabeth, New Jersey; Frank H., a lawyer of Wellsboro; Rose S., wife of S. F. McInroy, of Middlebury, Tioga county, and Minnie A., who lives at home.

ALBERT F. PACKARD, merchant, Cherry Flats, was born July 31, 1839, in Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, a son of John and Rebecca (Rose) Packard, the former a native of Massachusetts, and the latter of Connecticut. He was educated in the common schools of Mainesburg, and at the age of eighteen commenced teaching. At the end of one year he went to Ohio, where he remained two years, then returned to Tioga county and engaged in farming near Mainesburg. On August 2, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, and several other minor engagements, and was honorably discharged from the service at Chambersburg Hospital, July 3, 1865. Returning to Tioga county, he engaged in various occupations up to 1892, when he opened a general store at Cherry Flats, in Charleston township, where he has since carried on a prosperous business. Mr. Packard was married April 15, 1861, to Miss Mary R. Hubbell, of Monroeville, Huron county, Ohio, to which union have been born six children, viz: Mattie, wife of George Hall, of Shippen township; Francis, of Delmar; Herbert A., of Elmira, New York; Cora, wife of John C. Secor, postmaster at Cherry Flats; Anna R., and Clara M. In politics, Mr. Packard is a Prohibitionist, and has filled the offices of township clerk and school director, also county auditor one term. He is a member of the G. A. R., the I. O. O. F., and the Patrons of Husbandry, in all of which he takes an active interest.

JAMES H. SMITH was born in Delaware county, New York, April 15, 1801, a son of Peter and Abigail (Cleveland) Smith. Peter Smith was born December 25, 1743, and died January 15, 1843. He was the father of seventeen children, several of whom were soldiers in the War of 1812. James H. was educated in the common schools of his native county, and learned the trade of a cloth dresser. In 1827 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and after a short stay on Pine creek, located in Charleston township, but followed his trade in Wellsboro and Mansfield for years. He married Sallie Button, a native of Otsego county, New York, who bore him five children, viz: James E., deceased; John E., and Jason E., both farmers of Charleston township; Jane E., deceased, and Nancy L. Mr. Smith died June 9,



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1878, and his wife, January 31, 1877. They were members of the Free Will Baptist church, and in politics he was a Republican.

JASON E. SMITH was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, July 3, 1831, a son of James H. and Sallie Smith. He obtained a common school education, and has followed farming since early manhood, now residing on a farm of 225 acres in Charleston township, a part of which was purchased by his father. Mr. Smith was married October 18, 1858, to Mary A. Wilbur, a daughter of David and Anna (Havens) Wilbur, and a native of Hector township, Potter county, Pennsylvania. They have two children living, Jennie A., and George C., a farmer of Charleston. Their oldest child, Charles H., born November 29, 1859, died May 10, 1864. In politics, a Republican, Mr. Smith has filled the office of township treasurer two terms. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and is one of the most substantial farmers in his section of the county.

ROBERT H. PRATT was born in Ninevah, Broome county, New York, September 14, 1791, and was there reared and educated. He came with his family to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in February, 1833, and located on Marsh creek, in Shippen township, removing three years later to the vicinity of Whitneyville, Charleston township. He made farming his principal occupation, but was also a pilot on the Susquehanna river. He married Elmina Stowell, born in Broome county, New York, March 10, 1802, to which union were born the following children: Riley R., a resident of Iowa; Edwin, of Mansfield; Luman, deceased; Lura, deceased wife of John Jennings; Mary Ann, deceased wife of George Parker; Jerusha, deceased wife of Mr. Abrams; Lewis, a resident of Binghamton, New York; Sallie, deceased wife of Edgar Grinnell; Sarah, deceased wife of Maxwell Conable; Jane, wife of Andrew J. Patchen, of Lawrence township; Emily, deceased wife of Albert Avery; Olive A., deceased wife of Albert Dartt, and Robert Vine, a resident of Jefferson county. After residing near Whitneyville five years, Mr. Pratt removed into Richmond township, where he and wife spent the remaining years of their lives. She died on February 12, 1860, and her husband, July 23, 1884, in his ninety-third year.

EDWIN PRATT, second son of Robert H. Pratt, was born in Ninevah, New York, August 13, 1829, and was four years old when his parents came to Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood, and attended the common schools during his boyhood days. He was married November 20, 1851, to Martha Wilcox, a daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Douglass) Wilcox, of East Charleston, to which union have been born six children, viz: Carrie, widow of A. A. Perry; Emma A., wife of Otis Rice; Helen Maria, wife of Clark Kingsley; Arthur S., Fred. H. and Frank L. Mr. Pratt followed farming in Charleston township until 1860, when he removed to Richmond township, where he has since resided. In politics, a stanch Republican, he voted for John C. Fremont in 1856, and has since given his support to every presidential candidate of his party.

ARTHUR S. PRATT, son of Edwin Pratt, and grandson of Robert H. Pratt, was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, May 23, 1860. He was reared upon the homestead, and obtained his education in the common schools and at the State Normal, in Mansfield. He remained at home until his majority, and then went to Morris, where he was engaged in lumbering three years. Returning to Richmond, he worked on a farm for two years, and in 1885 purchased his present

farm of eighty-six acres in Charleston township. Mr. Pratt was married May 19, 1886, to Miss Clara Nickson, of Charleston. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics, a Republican.

DENISON A. LOCKWOOD was born in Greenwich, Fairfield county, Connecticut, February 8, 1811, a son of Denison and Sally (King) Lockwood, the former a native of Connecticut, and the latter of Rhode Island. He was reared in his native town, and at the age of seventeen went to New York City, where he clerked in a store one year. He then entered the employ of the North River Steamboat Company, as engineer on the steamers Constitution, Ohio and Swallow, plying the Hudson river, which business he followed nine years. At the end of this period he went to Buffalo and put in the propelling machinery for the Wisconsin, a lake boat, and continued on her as engineer from 1838 to 1842, when he returned to New York and entered the employ of the West Point Foundry Company as mechanical engineer. He filled this position five years, going to Detroit in 1847 with the Fashion engine from New York to superintend the construction of the machinery for the Fashion, then being built at Detroit. He next became engineer of the Sultana, plying between Buffalo and Chicago. In 1849 he went to California, via Cape Horn, where he was engaged in mining and in constructing mining machinery and putting up quicksilver machines for two years. He later accepted a position as engineer on the Panama, but when he reached the Isthmus of Panama, he resigned, and crossed the Isthmus on a mule to the mouth of Chagres river, whence he proceeded to New York, as assistant engineer of the Georgia. He was subsequently engineer on the following boats, all plying between New York and South America: Northern Light, Star of the West, Eldorado, and Empire City, and also on the Oregon, a river boat. In December, 1861, he enlisted at the Kittery Navy Yard, Maine, in the United States navy, as first assistant engineer on the United States man-of-war, Sacramento, which proceeded to Wilmington, North Carolina, as a part of the blockade fleet. Later he was sent on board the ironclad Sagus, operating on the James river. Having received a serious injury, from which he has never fully recovered, he was found unfit for duty and sent to Portsmouth Hospital, which closed his career in the navy. In the meantime Mr. Lockwood had purchased a farm in Charleston township, Tioga county, embracing 100 acres, in 1837, and lived upon it when not engaged on duty. On October 20, 1837, he married Margaret Berard, of New York City, who became the mother of one daughter, Amelia Gertrude, widow of Darius W. Smith, of Charleston township. Mrs. Lockwood died March 20, 1885. In politics, Mr. Lockwood is a Republican.

DAN P. WEBSTER was born in Connecticut, September 12, 1812, and was there reared and educated. He learned the carpenter's trade in his native State, and subsequently came to Tioga county and settled in Charleston township. He purchased one hundred acres of land and followed lumbering and farming in connection with his trade until a short time before his death. He married Lydia Ives, a daughter of Roswell Ives, of Middlebury township. Eleven children were the fruits of this union, viz: Lucy, deceased; Olive, wife of Thomas Lester, of Charleston; Frances, wife of J. B. Doane, of Cayuga county, New York; Harley B., who enlisted in Company K, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers and was killed near Richmond, Virginia, a few days before Lee's surrender; Roswell I.,

who served in the same company, and now resides in Ward township; Janette, wife of Lewis Kohler, of Richmond township; Delphene, deceased wife of Henry Crittenden, of Richmond; Newell P., of Charleston; Dan F., of Middlebury; Gilbert G., of Richmond, and one that died in early youth. Mrs. Webster died in 1866, aged forty-nine years.

NEWELL P. WEBSTER, son of Dan P. and Lydia Webster, was born on his present homestead in Charleston township, Tioga county, February 2, 1851. He was reared on the farm, and attended the district schools in boyhood. He worked on the farm with his father until 1871, when the latter retired, and Newell P. bought the place. On April 25, 1871, he married Annie Neal, a daughter of Joseph Neal, of Charleston, and has two children, Stella and Gertrude. Mr. Webster is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the P. of H., and politically, an adherent of the Republican party.

JACOB INGERICK was born in New York City, September 28, 1804, a son of John and Harriet E. Ingerick. He obtained a meager education, and when fourteen years of age he went to Rockland, Sullivan county, New York, where he learned the carpenter's trade. In 1830 he located in Rutland township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he worked at his trade ten years, and then removed to Charleston township. Here he spent the remaining years of his life, dying June 15, 1890, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He married Hannah M. Howland, a native of Sullivan county, New York, who became the mother of four children, viz: Hannah, deceased; Elmer, deceased; John W., of Steuben county, New York, and George H., deceased. Mr. Ingerick was a local minister in the Free Will Baptist church, to which faith his wife also belonged. She died in 1876, aged seventy-two years.

ELMER INGERICK, eldest son of Jacob and Hannah M. Ingerick, was born in Rockland, Sullivan county, New York, January 3, 1829, and was about one year old when his parents came to Tioga county. He was reared in Rutland and Charleston townships, where he attended the common schools. On January 19, 1853, he married Ellen Benedict, a daughter of Marcus and Lucy (Jennings) Benedict, of Wells, New York. Eight children were born to this union, named as follows: Edgar A., of Wellsboro; George E., of Charleston township; Norman G., of Arnot; Lovella A., wife of Wesley G. Johnson, of Corning, New York; Orson, deceased; William L., of Charleston; Sadie I., wife of George Avery, and Olon L. Mr. Ingerick was a Republican, and served two terms as a school director. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, and died in that faith March 13, 1897.

WILLIAM ADAMS, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, born in 1772, was reared in his native land, and in 1840 immigrated with his family to Pennsylvania, and settled in Charleston township, Tioga county, purchasing 100 acres of land, now a part of the Adams farm. To William and Nancy Adams were born six children, viz: Mary, Joseph, William, John, James and Robert, all of whom are dead. The parents spent their declining years in Charleston township, where Mr. Adams died March 7, 1861, aged eighty-nine years, and his wife, September 20, 1857, aged eighty-six.

ROBERT ADAMS, youngest child of William and Nancy Adams, was born in

County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1820, and was twenty years old when the family settled in Charleston township. After his father's death, Robert inherited the homestead, to which he subsequently added by purchase 400 acres. He was a successful and progressive farmer, and one of the prominent citizens of the township. He married Ann Jane Irwin, a native of Ireland, who bore him six children, viz: Robert W., deceased; Nancy, wife of William McEntee, of Fall Brook; Mary, wife of Edgar A. McEntee, of the same place; Eliza, Erwin J., and Lucinda, wife of Dr. A. W. Cummings, of Oswayo, Potter county. Mr. Adams died August 16, 1889, aged sixty-nine years. His widow resides with her son, Erwin J., on the old homestead.

ERWIN J. ADAMS, only living son of Robert Adams, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, on his present farm, August 1, 1865, and obtained a common school education. At his father's death he took charge of the homestead, which he has since managed successfully. Mr. Adams was married February 28, 1891, to Eliza Bennett, a daughter of Martin Bennett, of Charleston township, and has one son, Robert Erwin. He is a member of the K. of P., and in politics, a staunch Republican.

JOHN C. JENNINGS was born in Otsego county, New York, in 1811, a son of Joseph and Lucy (Corbin) Jennings. He was reared in his native State, whence he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased a farm in Charleston township, near the Richmond township line, where his son, Charles M., now resides. He was a sawyer by occupation, and worked at that business twelve years in Manchester. Mr. Jennings was twice married. His first wife, Lois Pratt, of Richmond township, died leaving two sons: Robert P., who died in Washington in 1863, and Joseph R., a Union soldier, who died in Andersonville prison in 1863 or 1864. Mr. Jennings subsequently married Sarah A. Sloat, of Charleston township, who became the mother of five children, two of whom grew to maturity, viz: Susie M., wife of Melville Greene, died in March, 1889, and Charles M. Mr. Jennings died in 1882; his widow died April 11, 1895.

CHARLES M. JENNINGS, only son of John C. Jennings, was born on his present homestead, in Charleston township, Tioga county, May 9, 1859, and attended the common schools of his neighborhood in youth. He remained with his parents until the age of twenty-four years, when he went to Madison county, New York, where he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked there five years. In 1888 he returned to Tioga county, and has since been engaged in farming and working at his trade. October 20, 1881, he married Emma McLean, a daughter of Alexander McLean, of Middlebury, and has two children, Robert and Ralph. Mrs. Jennings is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, he is a Republican, and is also connected with the I. O. O. F. and the K. O. T. M.

ELIJAH PEAKE, SR., was born in Schoharie county, New York, there grew to manhood and learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1841 came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased 100 acres of land in Charleston township. He settled upon it, but also followed his trade. He married Sally Willis, of Albany, New York, who bore him five children, viz: Hiel, a farmer of Charleston; Elijah, and Willis, both deceased; David, a farmer of Delmar, and Margaret, deceased. Mr. Peake and his wife passed the remainder of their lives in Charleston township.

ELIJAH PEAKE, second son of Elijah Peake, Sr., was born in Schoharie county,

New York, May 23, 1818, and came to Tioga county with his brother Hiel one year before the other members of the family. They settled in Charleston township, in the locality where Hiel now resides, near Round Top postoffice. Here he followed farming until his death, May 16, 1885. Mr. Peake was married February 22, 1841, to Nancy Clark, a daughter of Seth Clark, of Vermont. Six children were born to this union, named as follows: George Clark and Dyer, both deceased; Electa, who married O. H. Brooks; Franklin C., of Charleston; Seth Elijah, of Round Top, and Elizabeth, deceased. Mrs. Peake is living in Charleston township.

FRANKLIN C. PEAKE was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, October 4, 1855, and is the eldest living son of Elijah Peake, Jr. He attended the common schools of Charleston, and on attaining his majority began farming and operating a threshing machine. On October 9, 1878, he married Ella M. Close, a daughter of Reuben and Harriet (Lockwood) Close, of Chatham township, and has two children, Erwin M. and Walter L. In 1891 Mr. Peake purchased his present farm of eighty acres, lying one mile east of Wellsboro, and has since devoted his attention to its cultivation. In politics, a Republican, he has served as school director one term, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Patrons of Husbandry.

SETH E. PEAKE, a son of Elijah Peake, Jr., was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, May 23, 1863, and there grew to manhood. He followed lumbering eight years, and in 1885 commenced blacksmithing at Summit, Duncan township, which business he followed there for six years. In 1891 he came to Round Top, where he has since carried on blacksmithing, and also operates a steam thresher during the autumn season, as well as a cider mill. Mr. Peake was married June 24, 1885, to Anna M. Skelton, a daughter of John Skelton, of Charleston township, and has one son, Fred. In politics, Mr. Peake is a Republican, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

DANIEL MILLS was born near Owego, Tioga county, New York, September 28, 1788, and is believed to have been the first white child born in that county. His father, Stephen Mills, was a soldier in the Revolution, and lived to the remarkable age of 104 years. Daniel followed farming in Tioga county, New York, the greater portion of his life, and finally came to Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he died, March 3, 1871. His wife, Patience Trapp, of Orange county, New York, died in Charleston, February 24, 1871, a week before her husband. They were the parents of seven children, viz: Jane F. and Rachel F., both deceased; Martha B., Samuel, James F., deceased; Amos O. and Robert I.

SAMUEL MILLS, oldest son of Daniel and Patience Mills, was born in Tioga county, New York, November 28, 1821, and grew to manhood in that county. At the age of eighteen he began an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which business he followed in that county up to 1844. He then came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased his present farm of 113 acres in Charleston township, and has since devoted his attention to farming in connection with his trade. On March 9, 1844, Mr. Mills married Marcy A. Chapman, of Friendsville, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, who bore him three children, viz: Eliza, deceased wife of J. E. Catlin; Martha L., and Amos D., deceased. Mrs. Mills died August 21, 1850. He was again married January 1, 1851, to Mary Tucker, a daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Brundage) Tucker, of Otsego county, New York, who is the mother of eight children, viz: Cicero E., of Crawford, Nebraska; Marcy A., wife of C.

A. Stewart, of Delmar township; Abram L., deceased; Mary L., wife of Ferdinand R. Field, of Wellsboro; Ellen A., wife of Samuel Coolidge, of Colorado; Rachel A., a graduate of the State Normal School, Mansfield, in the class of 1894; Benjamin J., and Louis, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and charter members of the local Grange. In politics, he is a Republican, and has filled the office of township supervisor.

MARTIN CLEMENS was born in Germany, in 1804, was educated in his native land, and there served an apprenticeship to the weaver's trade. He immigrated to the United States in 1831, and settled at Trenton, New Jersey, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked in that city up to 1845, when he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He purchased 100 acres of land in Charleston township, and devoted his attention to its cultivation during the remaining years of his life. He died in 1852. Mr. Clemens was married in Germany to Barbara Siple, to whom were born eight children, viz: Frank, of Charleston township; William, a farmer in Covington; Charles, deceased; Martin V., Louisa, deceased wife of William Houck; Nichols, of Elmira; George, of Charleston township, and Peter, deceased.

FRANK CLEMENS was born in Trenton, New Jersey, July 20, 1833, and was twelve years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He assisted them on the homestead in Charleston township until 1850, when he engaged in lumbering on Pine creek, which business he followed seven years, operating several saw mills in that locality. Returning to Charleston township, he engaged in farming, which he has since continued in connection with the lumber business. Mr. Clemens was married January 6, 1856, to Mary Ann Churchill, a daughter of Asa Churchill, a well-known local writer of Charleston township. To this union have been born five children, viz: Francis Ira, of Charleston township; Martha, wife of Alonzo Waters, of Lamb's Creek; Charles W., deceased; Mary Eva, and Samuel A. Mr. Clemens enlisted in December, 1862, and served in the Binghamton Construction Corps, in the Army of the Potomac, until the close of the war. Politically, he is a staunch Democrat.

MARTIN V. CLEMENS was born in Trenton, New Jersey, December 8, 1840, and was about four years old when his parents settled in Charleston township, Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood, working on the farm and in the lumber woods with his father until 1863, when he enlisted in Company A, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served with the Army of the Potomac, and passed through unharmed. He was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., in July, 1865, and returned to his home in Tioga county, where he purchased his present farm the following year. Mr. Clemens was married December 31, 1863, to Mary Ann Ely, a daughter of Seldin Ely, of Charleston township. Nine children are the fruits of this union, viz: Frederick J., of Charleston; Morton S., deceased; Minnie M., wife of Adelbert Kittell, of Delmar; John B. and Herbert, deceased; Lewis Edgar, Bertie, Decatur Martin and Mamie Bell. In politics, Mr. Clemens is a Democrat, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

ALONZO WHITNEY was born at Nine Partners, New York, in 1801, a son of Abram J. and Philena (Adams) Whitney, both natives of Connecticut. He obtained a common school education, and soon after attaining his majority settled in

Danby, Tompkins county, New York, whence he removed to Caroline, New York, where he had a contract for furnishing timber to be used in the construction of the Ithaca and Owego railroad, now the Ithaca division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. He subsequently removed to Gibson, now Corning, New York, where he kept a hotel for twenty-five years, and was also a foreman in the construction of the Chemung canal. In 1848 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased 300 acres of land in Charleston township, at what is now known as Whitneyville, where he followed farming the remainder of his life. His wife, Fannie, was a daughter of Lewis Pitts, of Danby, New York, and had one son, Nelson. Mr. Whitney held nearly all of the township offices at different periods, and was postmaster at Whitneyville several years. He was a Democrat up to the nomination of Lincoln, when he cast his vote for the Republican candidates. Mr. Whitney died on his farm in Charleston, May 1, 1881, aged seventy-nine years. His wife survived him more than six years, dying August 3, 1887, aged eighty-five.

CAPT. NELSON WHITNEY, only child of Alonzo and Fannie Whitney, was born in Danby, Tompkins county, New York, January 5, 1823. When he was seven years old his parents moved to Caroline, and two years later to Corning, New York, where he grew to manhood. In 1848 he came with the family to Tioga county and settled in Charleston township, where he devoted his attention to farming until 1858, when he also embarked in merchandising at Whitneyville, and did a business of about \$20,000 per annum. When Sumter was fired on, he at once tendered his services to the government, and when President Lincoln made his first call for volunteers, Mr. Whitney went out with the recruits from Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga counties, as quartermaster, with the rank of major, in the Thirteenth Division, and rendezvoused at Troy, Bradford county. After remaining there ten days, they proceeded to Camp Curtin, near Harrisburg, where Major Whitney acted as quartermaster of the old Bucktail regiment until the expiration of his term, when he returned home. On August 6, 1861, he received orders from the adjutant general of Pennsylvania to raise a company, which he accomplished, recruiting his command in Charleston township. It was mustered into the service as Company G, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, with Mr. Whitney as captain. He reported at Camp Curtin, where his company was mustered in, October 14, 1861, and thence proceeded to Washington, D. C., and from there to Fortress Monroe. On December 6, 1861, they were sent to South Carolina, to join the Army of the South, under Sherman and Hunter, and participated in the battle of James Island. Shortly after Captain Whitney received a sunstroke, at Hilton Head, South Carolina, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. The company was then sent to Newport News, Virginia, where it became a part of the Ninth Army Corps, under General Burnside. Here Captain Whitney was compelled to resign, August 31, 1862, because of failing health. He returned to Charleston township, and about ten days later recruited another company, but did not again go into active service. At the close of the war he sold his mercantile business and engaged in farming and wool buying. Captain Whitney was married January 1, 1845, to Susan C. Parsell, a daughter of Samuel Parsell, of Corning, New York. Nine children blessed this union, viz: William E., deceased; Mary, wife of Abram Tipple, of Charleston; Frank, of Corning, New York; Fanny, wife of Otis L.

Allen, of Kansas; Willis, a farmer of Middlebury; Seymour, of Charleston; Nellie, wife of H. N. Neal, a resident of the same township; Jessie, at home, and Jane, wife of Charles Symonds, of Bath. Captain Whitney has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and though a Republican, was a candidate for sheriff on the Greenback ticket, and for associate judge on both the Democratic and Greenback tickets, but the county was so strongly Republican that he was defeated. He is a member of the Masonic order, and one of the well-known citizens of Tioga county.

THOMAS D. DAVIES, a native of Carmarthenshire, Wales, grew to manhood in his native land, and there married Elizabeth Jones. In 1841 they immigrated to the United States, and located in Blossburg, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Davies operated the incline plane for eighteen years. In 1868 he removed to Charleston township, where his wife died in 1879, and himself in 1891. They were the parents of six children, five of whom were born in Tioga county. The oldest, John, was born in Wales; came to Blossburg with his parents, and enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, when 336 were killed or captured out of a regimental roster of 450 men.

THOMAS J. DAVIES was born in Blossburg, Tioga county, April 15, 1843, a son of Thomas D. Davies. He attended the common schools and Blossburg Academy in boyhood, and has made farming his vocation. On September 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served throughout the war, being promoted to second lieutenant on January 24, 1865. At the battle of South Mountain he was struck by a piece of shell, which fractured his skull, and he was taken to Patterson Park Hospital, Maryland. He rejoined his regiment in time to take part in the battle of Fredericksburg, and was afterwards transferred to the Army of the South, in Kentucky, which re-enforced Grant at Vicksburg. His regiment next served in the engagements of Blue Springs, Campbell Station and the Siege of Knoxville. Here he was discharged, December 31, 1862, in order to re-enlist as a veteran, at Blain's Cross Roads, Tennessee. His command was then transferred to the Army of the Potomac, and he served in the following battles: Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, and the assault on Petersburg. During the Siege of Petersburg his brigade held the salient line. He received a gunshot wound here, which grazed the right side of his skull, striking near the right eye. He was taken to Harwood Hospital, Washington, D. C., where he remained four months, and then rejoined his regiment in front of Petersburg, where he remained until the town was captured. While in command of Company D, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the capture of Fort Walker, he was again wounded by a musket ball in the right wrist, and was taken to City Point Hospital. In May, 1865, he rejoined his command at Alexandria, and served on the court martial board three weeks, as one of the junior officers. His command was mustered out of service July 17, 1865, by general order of the war department. Returning to his home in Tioga county, he resumed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture, which he has continued up to the present. He owns one of the finest farms in Charleston township, located in the Welsh settlement, about five miles from Wellsboro. Mr. Davies was married January 14, 1868, to Jane L. Davis, a daughter of David S. Davis, of Covington. Eight children have been born to this marriage,

viz: Harriet E., Elizabeth J., wife of Charles Harkness; Edith May, John R., M. Gertrude, William L., A. Verne, and Benjamin, deceased. The family are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Davis is past lieutenant colonel and a member of the staff of the commanding general in the Union Veteran Legion. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of H., and the G. A. R. In politics, a Republican, he has served two terms on the school board, and is one of the substantial and progressive citizens of his native county.

CHARLES CLOSE, son of Reuben Close, and grandson of Newbury Close, Sr., was born in Chatham township, February 3, 1826, and was reared to manhood in his native township, receiving his education in the common schools. About 1847 he removed to Westfield and engaged in mercantile business with his brother George. In 1852 he removed to Charleston township and settled at Round Top, where he established potash works, which he carried on until about 1870, when he purchased the Round Top Cheese Factory, which had been established in 1865 by a stock company. In 1872 he bought out the general store of Samuel Morgan. This and a small farm he carried on in connection with his cheese factory until his death, May 16, 1883. Mr. Close was married in 1847, to Jane Owlett, a daughter of Gilbert B. and Martha (Pope) Owlett, of Chatham township. To this union there were born seven children, viz: Martha E., widow of Benjamin F. Claus; Mary E. and Sybil A., deceased; Gilbert Burton, of Delmar; Reuben G., of Keeneyville; Edd G., of Round Top, and Arthur C., merchant and cheese manufacturer, Keeneyville. Mrs. Close makes her home with her children. Mr. Close was a Republican, in politics; was a justice of the peace in Charleston township from 1860 to 1870, and postmaster of Round Top for many years. He was a man of strict integrity, honorable in his dealings, and esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

E. G. CLOSE, merchant and cheese manufacturer, at Round Top, Charleston township, Tioga county, was born in that township, January 27, 1867, a son of Charles and Jane (Owlett) Close. He obtained his education in the public schools of his native township and at Westbrook's Commercial College, Olean, New York. In February, 1888, he purchased the Round Top Cheese Factory from his father's estate. This factory, which has a capacity of thirty tons per annum, he has since operated. In 1890 he opened a general store at Round Top, and has carried on merchandising in connection with the cheese industry. November 29, 1889, Mr. Close was appointed postmaster of Round Top, which office he has filled up to the present. He was married February 1, 1888, to Ella L. Marks, a daughter of Charles and Jane Marks, of Charleston township, and has three children, viz: Florence J., Max C. and Jay Marks. Mr. and Mrs. Close are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, he is an adherent of the Republican party, and also a member of Tyoga Lodge, No. 230, I. O. O. F., Wellsboro.

WALDO SPEAR, merchant and postmaster at East Charleston, was born in Springfield township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1843, a son of Hiram and Lucy (Ripley) Spear. He was educated in the common schools and Mansfield Classical Seminary. On October 14, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, and participated in the following battles: Lebanon, Murfreesboro, McMinnville and Gallatin, where he was taken prisoner August 21,

1862. He was paroled because of injuries, and, when exchanged, was detailed as courier of the Second Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, in which capacity he served until December 28, 1864, when he was honorably discharged. Returning to his home in Bradford county, he lived there until 1866, and then located at Mardin, Tioga county, where he was engaged in farming for seventeen years. In April, 1883, he purchased his present mercantile business at East Charleston, which he has since successfully conducted. He was appointed postmaster of that office in February, 1883, and has filled the position continuously up to the present. Mr. Spear was married January 27, 1880, to Eva C. Benedict, only child of J. C. and Mary M. Benedict, of Austinville, Bradford county. They are the parents of one son, Leland Ralph, born May 9, 1886. Politically, Mr. Spear is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is secretary, lecturer and overseer of Grange, No. 929, P. of H., and is commander of Tent, No. 203, K. O. T. M.

JOHN S. BLISS, a native of Massachusetts, born June 7, 1817, was a son of Stephen and Charlotte (Bailey) Bliss, natives of the same State. He came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, with his parents, and settled in Wellsboro, where he worked at cabinet making until 1852. In that year he purchased a farm in Charleston township, settled upon it and devoted his attention to farming during the balance of his life. He died on April 10, 1894. He married Nancy Van Horn, a daughter of William Van Horn, deceased, of Williamsport, who became the mother of seven children, viz: Dwight and William, both farmers in Charleston; Mary, wife of Eugene Close, deceased; John J., George, Lloyd B., and Charles, all of whom are farmers in Charleston township. Mr. Bliss was a Republican in politics, and served as school director one term.

JOHN J. BLISS, a son of John S. and Nancy Bliss, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, November 11, 1852, and grew to manhood on the homestead farm, attending the district school during his boyhood days. At the age of twenty-three he purchased his present farm, five miles south of Wellsboro, on which he has since resided. He married Miss Nettie Childs, of Nauvoo, Liberty township, Tioga county. Mr. Bliss is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics, an adherent of the Republican party.

FERDINAND EMBERGER was born in Germany, in 1816, was educated in his native land, and at the age of forty came to the United States. He was a blacksmith, and worked at his trade in Iowa one year. He then went to Rochester, New York, where he continued blacksmithing until 1859, when he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Delmar township. He also worked at his trade in Middlebury township, and in Lycoming county. In 1874 he located in Charleston township, where he passed the remaining years of his life retired from active business, dying in 1882. He was married in Germany to Anna Mary Miller, to whom were born six children, viz: Catherine, deceased; Henry, who enlisted in Company L, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was mortally wounded at Dallas, Georgia, May 27, 1864; Ignatius, deceased; Martin, of Cherry Flats; Joseph, of Charleston, and Anna, wife of William McCaslin. Mrs. Emberger died in 1861.

JOSEPH EMBERGER, youngest son of Ferdinand Emberger, was born in Rochester, New York, April 13, 1858, and removed with his parents to Tioga county when

one year old. At the age of fifteen years he accompanied his father to Lycoming county, where he remained two years, going thence to Lodi, New York. In the autumn of 1880 he returned to Tioga county, where he has since resided. He obtained his education in the common schools, the Wellsboro High School, and the State Normal School, Mansfield, graduating from the last named in the class of 1885. He taught school in Tioga county six terms, being principal of the Arnot graded school one year. In 1887 he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Charleston township, on which he now lives. Mr. Emberger was married November 29, 1883, to Sarah McInroy, a daughter of Hugh McInroy, of Charleston. She died April 23, 1888, followed ten days later by the death of their only child, Hugh C., aged three years. In politics, Mr. Emberger is a Democrat, and has served as auditor of Charleston township three terms. In 1896 he was elected a member of the board of auditors of Tioga county.

DENTON GEROW was born in New York state, January 19, 1819, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1866, settling in Charleston township. He was a blacksmith, and followed that occupation through life. He married Bersheba Gale, of Ulster county, New York, who bore him eleven children, viz: Green M., of Wellsboro; Bailey A., of Knoxville; James N., of Charleston township; Mary J., wife of Simeon Brown, of Watkins, New York; Dewitt C., of Charleston; Marcus L., and Phoebe, both deceased; Emma, wife of Dowling Ellenberger; Walter E., of Charleston; Libbie, deceased, and Anna, wife of A. Lincoln Eaton. Mrs. Gerow died on April 27, 1888, and her husband, February 16, 1892.

DEWITT C. GEROW, son of Denton Gerow, was born in Seneca county, New York, August 2, 1848, and attended the common schools of his native county in boyhood. Before attaining his majority he commenced working at blacksmithing with his father, continuing the same until August 31, 1864. On that date he enlisted in Company G, Fiftieth New York Engineers, and served in the Army of the Potomac until June 13, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. Returning to his home in New York, he continued to work at his trade until the fall of 1866, when he came to Tioga county and located in Charleston township. He followed blacksmithing there two years, and then went to Lodi, New York, and engaged in farming. A year later he returned to Charleston township, where he has since devoted his attention to agriculture. Mr. Gerow was married January 1, 1870, to Laura E. West, a daughter of William and Caroline (Johnson) West, of Charleston township. They are the parents of ten children, viz: Winnie, wife of Otis Peake, deceased; Ethel, wife of Miner Hinkley; Leon, Ada, Carrie, Edna, deceased; Gale, Floyd, Miner and Irma. Politically, Mr. Gerow is an ardent Republican.

ISAAC R. BOWEN was born on his present homestead in Charleston township, Tioga county, October 30, 1869, a son of Joshua and Diana (Evans) Bowen, natives of Carmarthenshire, South Wales. He attended the district schools of his native township in boyhood, and also the State Normal School, at Mansfield, and then engaged in teaching, which vocation he followed four years. At the end of this period he went on the road as a traveling salesman for a short time, and later embarked in the tinning and plumbing business, which he followed until his father's death. He then took charge of the homestead farm, and has since devoted his attention to agriculture. Mr. Bowen was married October 29, 1888, to Mattie E.

Husted, a daughter of Ashley Husted, of Charleston township, and has three daughters: Maude, Beatrice and Neva. The family are connected with the Congregational church, and Mr. Bowen is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the K. O. T. M. In politics, he is a Republican, and is recognized as one of the enterprising young farmers of the township.

JAMES E. PETERS was born in Almond, Allegany county, New York, October 18, 1834, and was a son of Joseph and Eliza (Carey) Peters, natives of England and Pennsylvania, respectively. His education was acquired in the public schools and Union Academy. He early became a resident of Farmington township, Tioga county, where he followed agriculture up to 1878. In that year he was elected a county commissioner, and removed to Elkland. He was re-elected in 1883 and filled the office six years. In 1884 he settled in Deerfield township and engaged in merchandising at Academy Corners, which he continued until 1891, when he was appointed superintendent of the county poor house. This position he held up to his death, March 23, 1896. Mr. Peters was married September 3, 1851, to Priscilla Smith, a daughter of Henry and Phoebe (Cook) Smith, of Nelson, Tioga county, to which union have been born six children, viz: Sadie M., wife of Daniel E. Casbeer, of Farmington; John W., Charles E. and Lena, all of whom are dead; Rena, and J. Earl. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Peters was actively identified with the Republican party from early manhood. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of H., and the Patrons of Husbandry, and was elected Grand Master of the last named order in 1888.

CHAPTER LX.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

MIDDLEBURY AND FARMINGTON TOWNSHIPS—NELSON, ELKLAND AND OSCEOLA BOROUGHS.

RICHARD GOODWIN was born in New Hampshire, in 1760, and came to Tioga county with his family in 1807. He purchased a tract of land in Middlebury township, a portion of which is owned by his grandsons, George H. and Calvin A. Goodwin. Here he resided and cultivated his farm until old age prevented him from further work. He died December 10, 1858, at the remarkable age of ninety-eight years. He married Lauranie Carpenter, who bore him six children, viz: Benjamin, Calvin, Charles, Lucy, Sally and Susan. The mother died soon after the family came to Tioga county.

CALVIN GOODWIN was born in Vermont, January 9, 1799, and was about nine years old when his parents, Richard and Lauranie Goodwin, settled in the primitive forest of Middlebury township. Here he grew to manhood, surrounded by the trials and hardships of pioneer days, attending school in the little log building of the

neighborhood, and assisting his parents to clear and improve the homestead. He was an honest, hard-working man, and accumulated a good property. He spent his entire life in this county upon the old homestead settled by his father. In 1825 Mr. Goodwin married Anna Sloat, a daughter of David Sloat. She was born in 1809, and bore him a family of eight children, named as follows: Albert, who died in the South, while a soldier in the Union army; Milo, a resident of Middlebury; Matilda, wife of Edie Handy, of Deerfield; James W., a resident of Charleston; Charles, who died at the age of fifty-nine; Charity, wife of Mason Bennett, of Wellsboro; Susan, who died at the age of forty-seven, and Calvin A., who lives on a portion of the old homestead and with whom Mrs. Goodwin resides.

MILO GOODWIN, second son of Calvin Goodwin, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, September 8, 1827, received a common school education, and lived with his parents until his majority. He then bought forty acres of land in Charleston township, lived there two years, then sold it and purchased his present farm west of Keeneyville. August 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Captain Hammond, and later Capt. John I. Mitchell, the present president judge of Tioga county, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, in June, 1863. Mr. Goodwin was married in 1847, to Fannie Spaulding, a daughter of William Spaulding, to which union have been born five children, viz: William, a resident of Chatham; Ettie, wife of Salem Butler, of Deerfield; Frank, a farmer of Middlebury; Angie, wife of Gardner Andrews, of Wellsboro, and Callie S., who lives on the homestead. In politics, Mr. Goodwin is a Republican, and has served as a school director three years. He is also a member of the G. A. R. and the P. of H. societies.

CALVIN A. GOODWIN, youngest child of Calvin Goodwin, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, February 20, 1848. He attended the district schools in boyhood, and has always lived on the old homestead, engaged in farming and lumbering. He married Marian West, a daughter of Thomas M. West, of Middlebury township, May 12, 1867. She was born May 7, 1847, and is the mother of nine children, viz: William, who died in infancy; Ida, wife of Eli Peck, of Middlebury; Addie, wife of Leon West, of the same township; Orrin, Charles, James and Matie A., all residents of Middlebury; Albert and Susan, both deceased. Mrs. Goodwin is a member of the Free Will Baptist church. In politics, Mr. Goodwin is a Republican, has served as a school director one term, and is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

CHARLES GOODWIN was born in New Hampshire, October 5, 1807, a few weeks before the family removed to this county. He was the youngest son of Richard Goodwin, and was reared upon the homestead farm in Middlebury, which became his property after his father's death. He married Esther Sloat, to which union were born seven children, viz: Roanna K., widow of Walter Briggs, of Richmond township; Adaline, deceased; George H., of Middlebury; Clarissa, Howard and Alfred, all of whom are dead, and Eveline, wife of Henry Hayes, of Middlebury. Mrs. Goodwin died on July 11, 1867, aged fifty-six years, and her husband, February 4, 1880, in his seventy-third year.

GEORGE H. GOODWIN, only living son of Charles Goodwin, was born on his present farm in Middlebury township, Tioga county, August 18, 1836, was

educated in the district schools, and has made agriculture his life vocation. July 24, 1864, he married Beatrice K. Keeney, a daughter of Ransom Keeney, of Middlebury. She was born April 9, 1844, and has had three children, viz: Floyd H., who died at the age of five years; Fred. A., who died at fourteen years of age, and Roy, who died in infancy. In politics, Mr. Goodwin is a stanch Democrat.

THOMAS KEENEY was born in Hartford, Connecticut, September 28, 1776, the eldest of two sons born to Thomas Keeney, Sr., the younger one being Jesse. His father was a native of Scotland, born May 21, 1751, and came to America prior to the Revolution, serving under Washington during that struggle for liberty. Thomas spent his early life in his native place, whence he removed to Onondaga county, New York, and in the autumn of 1815 came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased a large farm on Crooked creek, in Middlebury township. Here he spent the remaining years of his life, dying September 1, 1853. He married Anna Parshall, who bore him nine children, viz: Mercy, Israel P., Elijah, Elisha, Jesse, and Alvira, all of whom are dead; Ransom, of Middlebury township; Anna, deceased, and Thomas, a resident of Middlebury. Mrs. Keeney died February 28, 1827, aged forty-nine years. Mr. Keeney was a deacon in the Baptist church.

ISRAEL P. KEENEY, eldest son of Thomas and Anna Keeney, was born in Onondaga county, New York, in 1802, and was thirteen years old when the family came to Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood, and made farming his life vocation. His wife, Clarinda, was a daughter of Aaron Niles, and bore him a family of eleven children, as follows: Henry S., of Middlebury; Ruth, who died in infancy; Ruth A., wife of Daniel Holiday; Mercy, deceased wife of Benjamin Starkey; Alvira and Clarinda, both deceased; Deborah, deceased wife of Samuel Hayes; Mary, wife of Joseph Brown, of Lawrence township; Henrietta, wife of O. D. Whitcomb; Delia, deceased wife of Orrin West, and Lafayette, deceased. Mr. Keeney and wife were members of the Baptist church, in which he filled the office of deacon. He died at Middlebury Center, March 11, 1886, and his wife, August 12, 1885, aged eighty-seven years.

HENRY S. KEENEY, eldest child of Israel P. Keeney, and grandson of Thomas Keeney, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, January 1, 1824. He was reared upon the homestead, and assisted his parents on the farm until he was twenty-two years of age, when he began working out as a farm hand and mill man. May 11, 1845, he married Zunilda Whitney, a daughter of Jeremiah Whitney. She was born August 7, 1826, and is the mother of six children, as follows: Loren D., who died at the age of eleven; Calista S., wife of Ephraim Thomas, of Mansfield; Van Buren, of Chatham township, who married Sarah Short, who has had five children: Frankie, deceased, Hattie, Vola, Olen and Stella; Ruth A., wife of Clark Sweet, of Middlebury; Henry S., a carpenter of Middlebury Center, who married Katie Badman, and has three children, Leah, Eva and Seymour B.; and Flora A., wife of Thomas B. Bolton, a resident of Middlebury Center. In September, 1864, Mr. Keeney enlisted in Company G, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was soon afterwards taken sick, and in May, 1865, was discharged at Philadelphia because of disability. Politically, he is a Republican, and both he and wife are members of the Free Will Baptist church.

JESSE KEENEY, youngest son of Thomas Keeney Sr., was born in Hartford,

Connecticut, September 28, 1778, being exactly two years younger than his brother Thomas. His father was a native of Scotland, born May 21, 1751, and came to America prior to the Revolution, serving under Washington during that struggle for liberty. Jesse spent his early life in his native place, and married Catharine Middaugh December 29, 1799, subsequently removing to New York state. His wife was born September 13, 1781, and bore him the following children: Elias, Sarah, Thomas, Permelia, Jesse, Abram S. and Jesse M., all of whom are dead; Caty, wife of Delinas Walker; Mercy, deceased; Richard M., a resident of Farmington township; Ruby and George D., both deceased. Mr. Keeney came to Tioga county in 1831, and located on a farm at Mill Creek, where he died on June 18, 1834. His wife survived him fourteen years, dying August 13, 1848.

GEORGE DANIEL KEENEY, youngest child of Jesse Keeney, was born at Cortland, New York, December 5, 1825, and was six years old when his parents settled in this county. Here he grew to maturity, and in the fall of 1848 located at Keeneyville, where he engaged extensively in lumbering, and purchased several tracts of land. In 1859 he was commissioned first lieutenant of the Northern Artillery. In 1861 he was appointed postmaster at Keeneyville, and in 1866 was elected a justice of the peace, an office he filled continuously for thirty years. He also served as a school director several terms, and filled other minor offices of his township. He was an ardent Republican, and always gave his support to that party. Mr. Keeney was married August 27, 1848, to Jane A. Drew, a daughter of Deacon John Drew. She was born March 2, 1830, and became the mother of nine children, as follows: Florence A., wife of Prof. F. M. Smith, of Arcade, New York; Agnes E., of Keeneyville; Ernest H., who died at the age of seven; Ida E., wife of Leroy Costley, of Middlebury township; Arthur M., of Keeneyville; Helen J., deceased; Eva G., wife of Elmer E. Guernsey, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Burton L., of Keeneyville, and Myrtle L., who died at the age of twenty-three years. Mrs. Keeney died January 1, 1893. She was for many years a member of the First Baptist church. February 27, 1895, he married, for his second wife, Rachel L. Morse, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mr. Keeney died February 11, 1896. He was a consistent member of the First Baptist church; was also connected with the K. of H., and was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the community.

ARTHUR M. KEENEY was born at Keeneyville, June 21, 1859, and is the oldest living son of George D. Keeney. He was educated in the Keeneyville graded school, and is now engaged in the retail meat business. On October 3, 1879, he married Laura Wedge, a daughter of Samuel Wedge, of Middlebury township, and has three children: Maude, Harry and Ethel. The last mentioned was given to her uncle, Henry Wedge, at her mother's death, which occurred March 31, 1893. Mr. Keeney is a member of the First Baptist church, also of the I. O. O. F., the K. O. T. M., and the P. of H. societies. In politics, he is a Republican, and one of the well-known business men of Keeneyville.

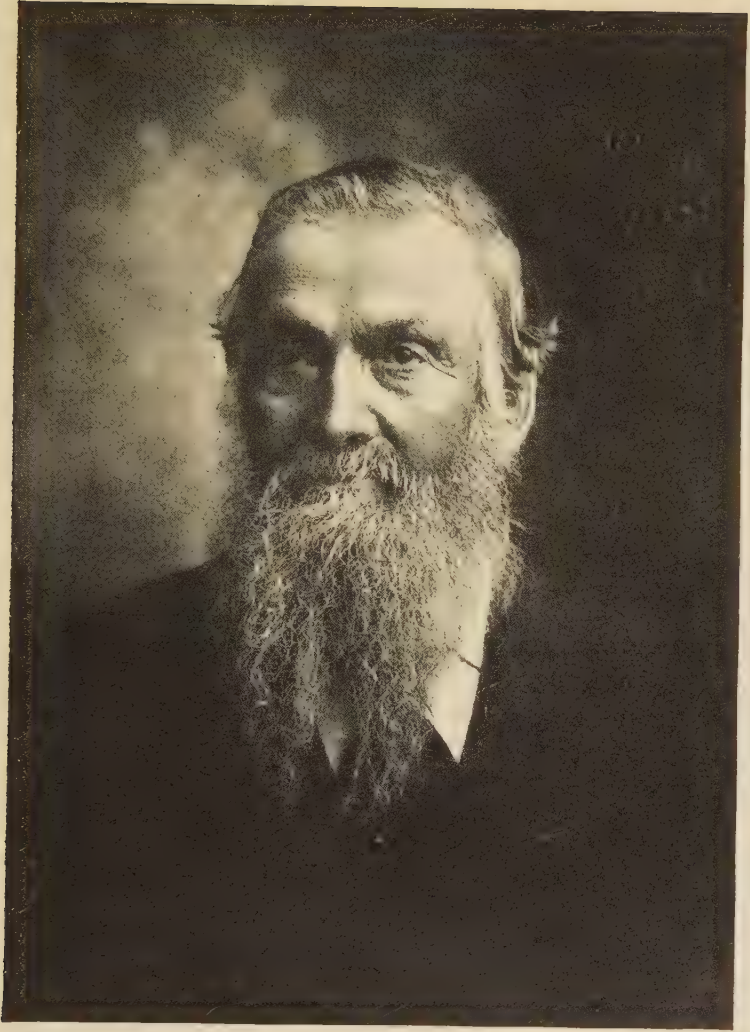
BURTON L. KEENEY, youngest son of George D. Keeney, was born at Keeneyville, Tioga county, October 20, 1866, and received his education at the Keeneyville High School and the State Normal School, Mansfield. He also graduated in stenography from Barnes' Shorthand College, St. Louis, Missouri, and practiced as a professional stenographer for five years in Keokuk, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minnesota, and also in the courts of Tioga county. April 3, 1895, he married Luella P.

Cloos, youngest daughter of Philip T. Cloos. Their daughter, Edytha Luella, was born April 17, 1896. Mr. Keeney is a member of the Baptist church, a charter member of the K. O. T. M., and in politics, a Republican. He devotes his attention to farming.

EDSELL MITCHELL was born at the mouth of Mitchell's creek, in Tioga township, Tioga county, August 27, 1793, eldest child of Richard and Ruby (Keeney) Mitchell, and is claimed by his descendants to have been the first white child born in this county. In 1816 he came to Middlebury township and located on the present Mitchell farm, where the remainder of his life was passed. He served in the War of 1812, and is one of the well-remembered pioneers. He resided in Middlebury up to his death, August 15, 1870. Mr. Mitchell was thrice married. His first marriage occurred March 26, 1818, to Nancy Hill, born December 27, 1793. She became the mother of seven children, viz: Melissa, deceased; Alonzo and Thomas E., both residents of Middlebury township; Margaret A., deceased; Lorenzo D., a farmer of Charleston; Mercy, wife of G. L. Stevens, of Chicago, and Edsell, deceased. Mrs. Mitchell died August 25, 1829. He was again married in December, 1829, to Nancy Ottison, who bore him five children, viz: Richard, Nancy and Jane, all deceased; William A., of Middlebury, and Harriet, wife of Albert Longbothum, of Mansfield. The mother died September 15, 1844, and he subsequently married Mrs. Margaret Bates, a native of Ireland.

THOMAS E. MITCHELL, son of Edsell Mitchell, and grandson of Richard Mitchell, was born on his present farm in Middlebury township, Tioga county, April 10, 1822, and attended school in the little log building near his father's home. When twenty-seven years old he rented an adjoining farm, and one year later went five miles into the forest of Charleston township, cut the first tree on a 100-acre tract, cleared it up, and resided thereon for twenty-three years. In 1873 he sold this property and located on his present farm, a part of the old homestead, where he has since lived. Mr. Mitchell was married February 13, 1848, to Zelina Z. Stebbins, a daughter of Orrin and Lydia (Treat) Stebbins. She was born in Eaton, Madison county, New York, March 11, 1829, and came to this county with her mother in 1835. Five children have been born to this marriage, viz: Frances E., who died in childhood; Edgar A., a resident of Montgomery county; Thomas J., and Walter B., residents of Middlebury township, and Lettie Z., who died in early youth. Mr. Mitchell and wife have been life-long members of the Baptist church, and in politics, adherents of the Republican party. While a resident of Charleston township, he served as collector and supervisor, has filled the office of constable in Middlebury, and has always taken quite an active interest in public affairs.

WILLIAM A. MITCHELL, eldest living child of Edsell and Nancy (Ottison) Mitchell, was born where he now resides, in Middlebury township, July 29, 1837. He attended the common schools in boyhood, and was reared upon the homestead farm, where he has spent his entire life, with the exception of five years, from 1870 to 1875, when he was operating a grist-mill at Tioga. He has also operated the McClure mill, near his home, but has devoted his principal attention to farming. Mr. Mitchell has been twice married. On March 16, 1861, he married Helen R. Leete, a daughter of Thomas Leete, who bore him three children, viz: Cora C., who died in childhood; Winfield, a tinsmith in Wellsboro, and Willie E., at home. Mrs. Mitchell died February 3, 1886, and he was again married on September 20,



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1887, to Anna Prutsman, a daughter of Jacob Prutsman, of Middlebury township. She was born July 5, 1851. Mr. Mitchell and wife are members of the Baptist church. Politically, a Republican, he has filled the offices of school director, constable and township clerk.

WALTER B. MITCHELL was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, February 18, 1857, a son of Thomas E. and Zelina Z. Mitchell, and grandson of Edsell Mitchell. When twenty-one years old he began for himself by cultivating rented farms, but at the end of four years bought his present property from Charles J. Humphrey, which embraces 153 acres, located on Hill's creek. Mr. Mitchell was married November 13, 1878, to Helen White, a daughter of Waldo White, of Middlebury township, and has two children, Nellie E. and Ava I. In politics, he is an adherent of the Republican party.

JOHN ROE, a native of Vermont, came from Delaware county, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1815, and located on Crooked creek, in Middlebury township. He was married in New York state to Waitie Burdick, who bore him seven children, viz: Cornelius, Rosanna, Henry, Samuel, Mary, Elizabeth and Jonathan B. Mr. Roe and wife spent their declining years in this county, and died on their homestead in Middlebury township.

CORNELIUS ROE, eldest child of John Roe, was born in Orange county, New York, in 1794, there grew to manhood, and in 1833 came to Tioga county and located on the Tioga river, in Tioga township, where he found employment on a farm for a few months. He then purchased ninety acres of land in Middlebury township, on which he made his home the remaining years of his life. He married Betsey Mills, to which union were born eight children, as follows: Jane, widow of Jefferson Button, of West Avon, New York; James M., of Delmar township; Adelia and Andrew J., both deceased; John O. and Thomas E., of Middlebury township; Mercy R., widow of Joseph Haines, of Wilmington, Delaware, and Marian R., wife of Robert J. Hill, of Savannah, Georgia. Mrs. Roe died June 3, 1842, aged forty-three years, and her husband, June 25, 1861.

JAMES M. ROE was born in Delaware county, New York, August 18, 1822, and is the eldest son of Cornelius Roe, and grandson of John Roe. He was reared upon a farm, and was eleven years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He lived on the home farm until 1867, a portion of which he had owned since 1855. In April, 1867, he bought his present farm in Delmar township, one mile and a half west of Wellsboro, where he has resided up to the present, with the exception of a few years spent in Wellsboro. Mr. Roe was married July 1, 1847, to Harriet Paulina Hutchinson, a daughter of Solomon and Austania (Morse) Hutchinson. She was born June 29, 1826, in Guilford, Chenango county, New York; came to Pennsylvania in 1842, and is the mother of the following children: Julia M., born May 1, 1848, and died November 15, 1888; Lewis A., born December 22, 1849, and died November 28, 1892; Sheldon N., born January 3, 1851, who resides at home; Austania J., born April 2, 1854, and died September 10, 1877; Cornelius E., born July 2, 1857, married Ida Kizer, January 21, 1882, and has had two children, Guy H., deceased, and Lettie J.; James E., born June 8, 1862, and died August 16, 1864, and Byron L., born November 12, 1864, a practicing physician. The family attend the Presbyterian church, and both Mr. Roe and wife are members of the

Patrons of Husbandry. In politics, he is a Democrat, and has served as a school director in Middlebury township twelve years.

JOHN O. ROE, a son of Cornelius Roe, and grandson of John Roe, was born in Delaware county, New York, October 24, 1828, and was five years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He was reared in Middlebury township, and has followed farming and lumbering all his life. With the exception of eighteen months spent in St. Paul, Minnesota, he has resided upon his present farm, a portion of which belonged to the old homestead, since his marriage. On March 12, 1864, he married Mrs. Ann Eliza Leeper, a daughter of Sands Springer. She was born March 24, 1834. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Roe is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. Politically, he is a Republican.

THOMAS E. ROE, son of Cornelius and Betsey Roe, was born in Orange county, New York, September 30, 1832, and was about one year old when his parents came to Tioga county. He was reared upon the homestead in Middlebury township, and has lived upon the same place since early boyhood. He spent three years in Oregon, from September, 1891, where he owns 400 acres of timber land. For some years he has been engaged in selling wagons and farm implements, when not pursuing his farm duties. On January 13, 1854, he married Hannah Gee, a daughter of Joseph Gee. She was born April 30, 1838, and is the mother of nine children, viz: John C., who is engaged in the lumber business in Oregon; Fred S., deceased; Clark E., a carpenter and mill man; Thomas A., who died at the age of thirty; Amos, who died in infancy; Joseph W., a furniture dealer and undertaker at Keeneyville; Anna M., wife of Wallace W. Caskey, of Oregon; Hannah G., who died at the age of fourteen, and Mildred, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Roe are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is connected with the I. O. O. F. In politics, a Republican, he has filled the office of township supervisor fourteen years.

JAMES BRYANT was born in Steuben county, New York, December 31, 1799, and came to Tioga county with his parents in the year 1800. Here he grew to manhood and became quite a successful farmer, owning several hundred acres of land in Middlebury township. On October 24, 1824, he married Mary Rattze, who was born in Tioga county, November 20, 1806, and became the mother of the following children: Hiram, deceased; Ephraim J., who died in a rebel prison during the Civil War; Jabez Z., a farmer in the west, and Mary L., deceased. Mr. Bryant died on July 3, 1857. His wife survived him thirty-two years, dying August 27, 1889.

HIRAM BRYANT, eldest son of James and Mary Bryant, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, June 24, 1825, there grew to manhood, and obtained a common school education. Mr. Bryant was married three times. In 1848 he married Jane Smith, who died soon after without issue. He was again married May 6, 1854, at Canton, Bradford county, to Cordelia Packard, a daughter of Silas Packard. She was born in Bradford county, October 10, 1833, and became the mother of six children, viz: Herman F., James E., Niles E., Rose B., wife of Parshall E. Wilcox; Millie A., who died at the age of seventeen, and John M. The five surviving children are residents of Middlebury township. Mrs. Bryant died February 8, 1881. His third wife was Sophia Scofield, nee Beach. Mr. Bryant died April 19, 1892. His widow resides in Middlebury township.

JAMES E. BRYANT, second son of Hiram Bryant, and grandson of James Bryant, was born on the homestead farm in Middlebury township, Tioga county, November 17, 1857. When fifteen years old he began working out as a farm hand, which he continued until his twenty-fourth year. He then rented a place in Farmington township, and at the end of one year bought out the other heirs to the old homestead, and now owns 150 acres of well-improved land. On November 13, 1881, he married Alice O. Niles, a daughter of Wallace Niles, of Middlebury township, and has two children, Olaf G. and Alaf G. Mrs. Bryant was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. She died June 29, 1895. Mr. Bryant is a member of the K. O. T. M., and in politics, a Republican.

NILES EMMER BRYANT, third son of Hiram Bryant, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, June 23, 1859. He worked at home until twenty-two years of age, and then found employment in the lumber woods. In the spring of 1885 he bought his present farm of 212 acres, a short distance north of Holiday, upon which he has since lived. On September 16, 1885, he married Ella Archer, a daughter of William Archer, of Middlebury township, and had one son, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are members of the Free Will Baptist church, also of the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics, he supports the Republican party.

ERASTUS NILES, SR., third son of Nathan and Irene Niles, was born in Connecticut, November 5, 1787, and was about nine years old when the family came to Tioga county. He remained with his parents in Tioga township up to 1820, when he and his brother Aaron located in Middlebury township, purchasing a part of the original Strawbridge warrant. He at once began the work of clearing and improving his land, which is now owned by his son, Erastus M. He married Permelia Ferry, a daughter of Ebenezer Ferry, a pioneer of Tioga township, who bore him a family of seven children, viz: Aurilla, widow of Nathan T. West, of Middlebury; Mary, wife of Philander West, of the same township; Erasmus W., deceased; Nathan H., of Charleston township; Elvira, deceased wife of Harrison Combs; Cordelia, deceased wife of Richard M. Kinney, and Annetta, wife of Green Smith, of Middlebury. Mrs. Niles died in 1837, and he was again married, to Mrs. Austania Hutchinson, nee Morse, who became the mother of four children, as follows: James Homer, of Middlebury; Helen D., wife of D. P. Herrington, of Charleston; Dora, deceased wife of Harrison Combs, and Erastus M., of Middlebury. Mr. Niles died on his farm in Middlebury township, July 24, 1877, in the ninetieth year of his age.

JAMES HOMER NILES, eldest child of Erastus and Austania Niles, was born at Niles Valley, Tioga county, January 7, 1839. He was reared on the homestead, and remained with his parents until twenty years of age, when he began in life for himself. For a short time he worked as a teamster at Niles Valley, and later followed the same business at Salamanca, New York. Returning home, he went to Virginia in 1860, where he found employment as a railroad brakeman for six months. He again came home, but soon after went to Washington, D. C., and entered the government service as a member of a construction corps, and was sent to Tennessee, and later to Atlanta, Georgia. In the fall of 1864 he returned to Tioga county, and the following spring located on his present farm, then owned by his father. Here he erected a log house and followed farming one year. At the end of this time he moved to Niles Valley, bought a home and worked as a millwright for fifteen years at that

point. In 1880, his father having previously died and left him his present homestead, he sold his property in Niles Valley and located on the farm, where he erected a fine residence in 1882. Mr. Niles was married March 5, 1865, to Emily L. Benedict, a daughter of Marcus Benedict, of Richmond township. She was born August 22, 1842, and has one daughter, Clara A., wife of W. W. Stevens, of Farmington. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, adherents of the Democratic party. Mr. Niles has filled the office of school director one term, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and the Patrons of Husbandry.

ERASTUS M. NILES, youngest child of Erastus and Austania Niles was born on his present homestead, in Middlebury township, Tioga county, March 8, 1846. He was educated in the common schools, and has devoted his entire attention to cultivating the home farm at Niles Valley, which embraces 130 acres of well-improved land. He married Jane French, a daughter of Moses French, of Middlebury township, and has two children, Marion P. and Angie. Politically, Mr. Niles is a staunch Democrat, and is recognized as one of the prominent farmers of his native township.

ERASMUS W. NILES, eldest son of Erastus Niles, Sr., was born in Niles Valley, Middlebury township, in May, 1827, and followed farming and lumbering all his life. He was well known among the lumbermen of Tioga county, and did a great deal of rafting down the Susquehanna river. In 1851 he married Catherine Backus, of Charleston township, who bore him the following children: Erastus, of Charleston; Parmelia Alvaretta, wife of Reuben Maynard, of Elk township; Annetta Louisa, wife of George Jackson, of Middlebury; Almeda, wife of H. T. Roe, of the same township; Nathan B., deceased; Alice Aurilla, wife of Edie Bryant, of Middlebury; Catherine, wife of J. E. Jackson, also a resident of Middlebury; Wallace L., of Chatham; Emma E., deceased, and Geary, who resides in Middlebury. Mr. Niles died April 9, 1871, and his wife, November 23, 1893. In politics, a Republican, he served as supervisor of Middlebury township fourteen terms.

ERASTUS NILES, eldest child of Erasmus W. Niles, was born on the homestead in Middlebury township, Tioga county, February 20, 1852, and has always followed farming and lumbering. He removed from his native township to Charleston township, where he purchased his present farm. On March 3, 1882, he married Ella Guerin, a daughter of Edward Guerin, of Charleston, who has borne him three children: Harry E., Nathan L., deceased, and James Erastus. Mr. Niles is a Republican, and is now serving on the school board. He is also connected with the I. O. O. F. and the K. O. T. M.

SOLOMON WESTBROOK was born in Chemung county, New York, March 1, 1795, there grew to manhood, and served in the War of 1812. A few years later he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased a farm on the Cowanesque river, some three miles west of Lawrenceville, in Lawrence township. Two years afterwards he sold this and removed to Middlebury township, where he bought seventy-five acres of land near Holiday. Here he resided until his death, August 1, 1863. He was married at Tioga, in 1823, to Betsey E. Prutsman, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Prutsman, who came from Easton, Pennsylvania, to Tioga county in the fall of 1804. She was born near Easton, March 3, 1803, and by her marriage to Solomon Westbrook became the mother of seven children, viz: Mary, born March 30, 1824, and died July 2, 1825; John A., born February 10, 1826, who resides in

Middlebury township; Albert H., born May 8, 1828, and died in 1883; William J., born August 12, 1830, and died in 1878; Jacob H., born October 18, 1832, a farmer of Tioga township; Theresa A., born July 27, 1834, wife of George Stevens, of Galetton, and Abram L., a resident of Middlebury township. Mrs. Westbrook died on March 3, 1883.

ABRAM L. WESTBROOK, youngest child of Solomon Westbrook, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, October 18, 1836. He obtained a common school education, and remained at home until his father's death. He then bought out the other heirs and became the owner of the old homestead. He subsequently purchased 125 acres adjoining, and later a farm of 130 acres, a short distance north of the home farm, upon which he resides, but cultivates both places. Mr. Westbrook was married in 1875, to Miss Mary Harris, who bore him one son, Roy S. Mrs. Westbrook died in 1877. Mr. Westbrook is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics, a Republican. By rigid industry and close attention to his business, he has accumulated through the passing years a large property, and is to-day one of the leading farmers of his native township.

THOMAS LEETE was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, in 1790, and was a sailor in early life. He came to Tioga county early in the present century, and located on a farm in Middlebury township, where he cleared and improved a 100-acre tract, on which he resided up to his death. He possessed a good education, and a fair knowledge of surveying, which business he followed for many years. His wife, Sallie, was a daughter of Sala Cole, and bore him six children, viz: Fannie M., wife of James McWhorter, of Middlebury; Alfred and Clark, both farmers of that township; Orpha, wife of A. B. Rundall, of Mansfield; Katharine, deceased wife of Waldo White, and Helen R., deceased wife of William A. Mitchell. Mr. Leete died April 28, 1868, and his wife, November 2, 1876, aged seventy-two years.

CLARK LEETE was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, March 25, 1837, a son of Thomas Leete. He obtained a limited education in the district schools of his native township, entering the lumber woods when he was sixteen years old, which business he followed for twenty years. In 1872 he purchased the Dunham farm, which he traded two years later for his present homestead. In 1883 he bought another farm of 125 acres, northwest of Hammond, and now cultivates both. On October 24, 1860, he married Sally, a daughter of Abram and Catherine (Cole) Adams, to which union have been born five children, viz: Arthur A., Albert and George W., all deceased; Frederick H. and Frank T. Mr. Leete is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics, a staunch Republican.

ELPHEUS BUTTON was one of the early settlers of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, having located in Middlebury township about 1820. He was born February 7, 1787, and died March 26, 1870, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He married Betsey Hill, to which union were born the following children: Jehiel, Jefferson and Charles, all deceased; William, a resident of Keeneyville; Hiram, a farmer of Middlebury township; Ralph, deceased; Polly, widow of P. V. Houghtaling; Harvey, a retired farmer; Henry, Alonzo and Melissa, all of whom are dead, and Miles, a resident of Hornellsville, New York. Mrs. Button died March 30, 1869, aged eighty years.

HARVEY BUTTON was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1827, eighth child of Elpheus and Betsey Button. He attended the pioneer schools of his

neighborhood, and subsequently engaged in farming, which he followed until 1890. He then sold his farm to his son, Charley B., and now lives with his son, Ellis P., in Chatham township. He married Emily Hamm, in 1852, and has three children, viz: Marshall, of Chatham township; Charley B., of Middlebury, and Ellis P., a resident of Chatham. Mrs. Button died on June 21, 1889, in her fifty-eighth year.

CHARLEY B. BUTTON, a son of Harvey Button, and grandson of Elpheus Button, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, August 26, 1859. He worked on the home farm until his twenty-fourth year, and then found employment in the Niles Valley tannery four years. He later followed lumbering one year, and in March, 1890, purchased the old homestead of eighty acres from his father. He cultivated this farm two years, and then went to Newark, New Jersey, where he was employed for two years in a retail grain and feed store. At the end of this time he returned to his farm in Middlebury, and has since devoted his attention to agriculture. On July 21, 1883, Mr. Button married Helen L. Brown, a daughter of Orlando and Jane A. (Marvin) Brown. Her father was born in Tompkins county, New York, in 1829, came to Tioga county in 1853, and followed stationary engineering and farming to the time of his death. Her mother reared three children, viz: Helen L., Lillie A., wife of E. B. Chambers, of Newark, New Jersey, and H. Arthur, the last of whom resides with his mother in Middlebury township. To Mr. and Mrs. Button has been born one child, Alma L., who died in infancy. They have an adopted son, George H. White, born April 6, 1884. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also of the K. & L. O. T. M. Mr. Button is also connected with the I. O. O. F., and the P. of H., and in politics, a supporter of the Republican party.

SALA COLE was born in Windham, Vermont, there grew to manhood and married Sallie Stevens, who bore him seven children, six of whom grew to maturity, viz: Heber, Maria, Adaline, Sallie, Catherine and A. Clark. In the summer of 1824 the family came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled on a farm near Hammond, in Middlebury township. Here Mr. Cole and wife passed the remaining years of their lives.

HEBER COLE, eldest child of Sala and Sallie Cole, was born in Windham, Vermont, September 13, 1802, there grew to maturity, and in February, 1824, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, preceding the other members of the family a few months. He worked three years for fifty acres of timber land, on which he located, clearing and improving what is now known as the Cole homestead. On April 17, 1836, he married Louisa Stevens, a daughter of Martin and Polly Stevens. She was born in Vermont, May 12, 1813, and became the mother of six children, viz: Celestia M., born February 9, 1837, and died August 25, 1858; George L., born December 25, 1838, a farmer in Middlebury; Oscar E., born May 10, 1841, and died May 5, 1864; Katie, who died in infancy; Eveline S., born July 2, 1843, and died November 14, 1848, and Delia E., born August 8, 1849, wife of W. D. Simons, of Middlebury township. Mrs. Cole died on November 17, 1863, and April 16, 1865, he married Mrs. Charlotte Welch. Mr. Cole followed farming all his life, and died on his farm in Middlebury, August 24, 1891. His widow resides in Tioga. In politics, a Republican, he was collector of the township in 1840, and was a liberal, active and successful man.

GEORGE L. COLE was born on his present farm at Hammond, in Middlebury township, Tioga county, December 25, 1838, obtained a common school education, and has always followed farming. June 4, 1864, he married Laura A. White, a daughter of George White, of Farmington township, to which union have been born three children, viz: Oscar E., a farmer of Middlebury; Celestia M., and Katie L., both of whom died in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are members of the First Baptist church, at Hammond, in which he fills the office of deacon. Politically, he is a Republican. He owns a farm of 130 acres one mile north of the old homestead, which is cultivated by his son, and is one of the successful farmers of his native township.

EBENEZER FERRY, a native of Massachusetts, whose ancestors came from England to America at an early day, was one of the first settlers of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He served in the War of 1812, from Massachusetts, and in 1818 purchased a farm near Tioga, in Tioga township, where he resided up to 1839. He then sold his farm and removed to Charleston township, where he and wife both died at a ripe old age. He married a Miss Bruce, of Massachusetts, and they were the parents of seven children, all of whom are dead, viz: Valona, Permelia, Louisa, Fidelia, Sally, Chauncey and Charles.

CHAUNCEY FERRY was born in Massachusetts, April 3, 1800, and was the eldest son of Ebenezer Ferry. He was eighteen years old when the family came to Tioga county, and having received a good education in his native State, followed school teaching in this county for several years. He later purchased a farm in Sullivan township, cultivated it for a few years, and then sold out and bought one in Middlebury township. Soon after he sold this also and purchased a property in Tioga township, whence he removed into Charleston township, where he bought quite a large tract of land. His wife, Stella, was a daughter of Samuel Van Gorder, of Lawrence township, and bore him a family of eight children, viz: Catherine, deceased wife of Alfred Schieffelin; Charles D., a farmer of Charleston; Sarah, wife of James Mack, of Elmira, New York; Mary, deceased wife of George Kohler; Robert B., of Middlebury; Hannah, wife of Dennis Gorsline, of Kansas; Elizabeth, wife of Theodore Wright, of Philadelphia, and one that died in infancy. The parents spent the remaining years of their lives in Charleston township, both dying on the old homestead.

ROBERT BRUCE FERRY was born near Tioga, Tioga county, August 8, 1838, youngest son of Chauncey Ferry. He worked at home until twenty-one years of age, and then found employment in the lumber woods until the breaking out of the war. On September 17, 1861, he enlisted at Wellsboro, in Company L, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served in many of the fiercest battles of the war, such as Standardville, Rappahannock Station, Second Bull Run, Brandy Station, German-town, Gettysburg, Aldee, Middleburgh, Mine Run, Wilderness, Siege of Petersburg, etc. His horse was shot from under him June 23, 1863, near Middleburgh, and he was severely injured by the fall. He was successively promoted to first duty sergeant, orderly sergeant, second lieutenant, and captain. In the spring of 1863 he was detailed as guide for the Seventh Michigan Cavalry, and was discharged at Brandy Station, December 16, 1863. He re-enlisted the following day in his old company, and served until mustered out, June 26, 1865. Returning to his home in

Tioga county, he cultivated a rented farm for a short time, and then bought one on Losey creek, in Middlebury township. After living upon it three years, he sold it and purchased a farm in Richmond township, which he cultivated four years. Selling out he went to Kansas, but returned to this county at the end of a year, and worked rented farms for eight years. In the spring of 1890 he bought his present home at Niles Valley, where he makes a specialty of tobacco growing. Mr. Ferry was married February 1, 1866, to Flora Wilson, a daughter of Luther and Amarett (Upton) Wilson. She was born at Stoddard, New Hampshire, April 28, 1841, and has three children, viz: Leon B., an attorney at Wellsboro; Ralph W., a medical student, and Clive C. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics support the Republican party. Mr. Ferry is a member of the K. of H., and the G. A. R.

REUBEN TOWER PALMER was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1814, a son of Abram and Hannah Palmer. His father was a native of Vermont, whence he removed to Bradford county at an early day, coming to Tioga county about 1830 and locating on a farm in Middlebury township, where both he and wife died. They were the parents of thirteen children, Reuben T. being the eighth in the family. He was reared on a farm, and first came to Tioga county in boyhood to burn charcoal. In 1835 he purchased a farm in Middlebury township, and henceforth devoted his attention to agriculture. He subsequently married Mary Ayres, a daughter of Marcus Ayres, of Bradford county, lived in that county for a short period, and then took up his residence on his farm in Middlebury. Nine children were born to Reuben T. and Mary Palmer, as follows: Otis G., a resident of Michigan; Chauncey King, deceased; Addie, wife of William Carr, of Michigan; Delila, deceased wife of William Holt; Emma, wife of James Shutter, of Tioga township; Hannah, deceased; Alzuma, wife of Silas Holt, of Canton, New York; Lucian B., of Farmington township, and Laura, wife of Orson Daggett. Mr. Palmer died March 31, 1893. His widow is in her eightieth year, having been born September 11, 1817.

CHAUNCEY KING PALMER, second son of Reuben T. Palmer, and grandson of Abram Palmer, was born in Granville, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1840. He was reared in Middlebury township, obtained a common school education, and when eighteen years old went into the lumber woods as a teamster. He was later employed as a farm hand until the breaking out of the war. April 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Sixth Pennsylvania Reserve, under Capt. Julius Sherwood, and participated in the following battles: Ball's Bluff, Drainsville, Seven Days Fight before Richmond, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Second Bull Run, and Gettysburg. He was wounded at Antietam, and was finally discharged at Washington, D. C., July 28, 1864. Returning home he was unable to work for two years because of sickness contracted in the army. In May, 1875, he purchased a farm of 115 acres, northeast of Keeneyville, on which he resided until his death, November 30, 1896. Mr. Palmer was married May 10, 1881, to Jane Cloos, a daughter of Newbury Cloos, Jr., of Middlebury township, and left one son, Harry N. Politically, he was a Republican, and in religion, a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was also a member of Alfred Toles Post, G. A. R., and of Middlebury Grange, and was highly respected by the community in which the greater portion of his life was spent.

MARTIN STEVENS was born in Warwick, Franklin county, Massachusetts, September 8, 1776. His father, Martin Stevens, came with two brothers from England to America prior to the Revolution and located in Rhode Island, whence he removed to Massachusetts. His mother, Deborah, was a native of the latter State, where she met and married Martin Stevens, Sr. The subject of this sketch followed milling in his native State, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1827, locating on a farm a short distance above Tioga village. Three years later he removed to Middlebury township, and purchased a portion of the present Stevens farm, to which he subsequently added by purchase. He was married in 1798, to Polly Gale, a native of Warwick, Massachusetts, born February 18, 1777. Eleven children were born to this union, viz: Emory, Polly, Sally, Melinda, Martin, Abram, Louisa, Daniel G., Ezra I., Alvira M. and Clarissa P., all of whom are dead except Alvira M., widow of Dr. Joel Rose. The parents died upon the old homestead in Middlebury township.

DANIEL G. STEVENS was born in Townsend, Windham county, Vermont, July 10, 1816, son of Martin Stevens, and came to Tioga county with his parents when about eleven years old. He received a good common school education, and followed teaching for a time. He worked upon the home farm for some years, and later engaged extensively in lumbering, but in later life became a farmer. He was a good business man, and was fairly successful. In politics, a Republican, he filled all of the township offices at different periods, and served one term as county commissioner. He was also a very active member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and a stockholder in the Wellsboro and Tioga plank road. Mr. Stevens was married October 9, 1845, to Eveline Dunham, of Albany, New York, born January 15, 1820. Five children were the fruits of this union, viz: Horace L., of Middlebury; Clara M., widow of J. O. W. Bailey, of Mansfield; Walter B., and Adele L., both of whom died in early youth, and Ada B., wife of John A. McLean, of Hammond. Mr. Stevens died on May 28, 1875, and his wife, September 13, 1895.

HORACE LEROY STEVENS, oldest child of Daniel G. Stevens, was born on his present farm in Middlebury township, December 19, 1847. After attending the district schools of his native township, he entered the State Normal School of Mansfield, and later Clinton Liberal Institute, Clinton, New York. He has always remained on the homestead farm, and at his father's death purchased the interest of the other heirs. This farm originally embraced 520 acres, of which he has since sold 290 acres. At one time he devoted his attention to hop growing, but it proved a failure, and he has since been engaged quite extensively in lumbering and tobacco growing. On December 25, 1871, he married Augusta N. Bailey, a daughter of Cephas and Caroline (Wright) Bailey. She was born in Peru, Vermont, November 12, 1851, and has three children, Grace M., Daniel G. and Ezra B. Mr. Stevens and wife are members of the Universalist church, and he is also connected with the I. O. O. F. and the P. of H. societies. In politics, a Republican, he has been a school director for eleven years, and is one of the leading farmers of his native township.

JOSEPH E. LYON was born in Chemung county, New York, in 1810, a son of Augustus and Mary (Bennett) Lyon, natives of Massachusetts, who came from New York state to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, and purchased a farm at Niles Valley, where the parents passed the remaining years of their lives. He obtained

a good education, and followed the profession of a teacher many years. He came to Tioga county with his parents, and for more than twenty years taught in the district schools of the neighborhood, and also assisted in cultivating the home farm. After his father's death his mother sold the farm at Niles Valley and purchased the present Lyon farm, which at her death became the property of the sons of Joseph E. Lyon by the will of their grandmother. Here he continued to follow agricultural pursuits up to his death, January 6, 1888. He married Martha Ives, a daughter of Roswell Ives, of Middlebury, to which marriage were born eight children, as follows: Augustus, who enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was captured and died of starvation in Salisbury prison, North Carolina; Mary, widow of Delan Catlin, of Charleston township; Henry, and Abram, both residents of Middlebury; Sarah, wife of Lorenzo Catlin, of the same township; John, who enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died of starvation in Salisbury prison; Lydia, wife of Orlando Jones, of Charleston; and Bennett, a resident of Wellsboro. Mrs. Lyon died in 1863. Mr. Lyon was a well-known farmer of Middlebury, and took an active interest in the public schools of the township, filling the office of school director many years.

ABRAM LYON was born at Niles Valley, Tioga county, March, 14, 1839, a son of Joseph E. Lyon. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he began for himself by working in the lumber woods of his native county. On April 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Sixth Pennsylvania Reserve, being the first man to enlist in Niles Valley. He served in the battle of Drainsville, and was then taken sick, and spent a long period in the hospital. He was discharged in the autumn of 1862, and returned home to regain his health. The following summer he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and took part in the battles of the Mines, Weldon Railroad, and Petersburg. He was discharged at Harrisburg, in September, 1865, and returned to his home in Middlebury, where he continued to work on his farm until his father's death. He purchased the interest of the other heirs, and thus became sole owner of the old homestead. On September 12, 1872, Mr. Lyon married Almira Adamy, a daughter of Sylvester E. and Roxina (Brown) Adamy, natives of New York. She was the second in a family of eight children, and was born January 16, 1854. To Mr. and Mrs. Lyon have been born two children, viz: John J. and Bertha E. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, adherents of the Republican party. Mr. Lyon is a member of the G. A. R., and one of the well-known citizens of his native township.

ANDREW HOLIDAY, a native of Ireland, immigrated to Pennsylvania prior to the Revolution, and finally settled at Stroudsburg, Monroe county, Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the Continental army, and did good service for his adopted country. He was twice married, and reared a family of nine children, two by the first marriage, and seven by the second. About 1800 he came with his son, Daniel, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located at Lawrenceville. He subsequently removed to Troupsburg, New York, but later returned to Tioga county and settled at Elkland, where he died and was buried.

DANIEL HOLIDAY, SR., son of Andrew Holiday, was born at Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and came to Tioga county with his father about 1800. With the exception

of a short time spent at Troupsburg, New York, he resided in this county up to his death, dying at the home of his son, Daniel, at Holiday, Middlebury township, in 1855. He married Rhoda Searls, of Woodhull, New York, who bore him eleven children, viz: John, deceased; Daniel, a resident of Holiday; Margaret, Lavina, Timothy and Amos, all of whom are dead; Catherine, wife of Ambrose Ives,ⁿ of Troupsburg; Mary, wife of Daniel White, of Holiday; Samuel S., a resident of Marsh Creek; Rhoda, and Thomas, both deceased. Mrs. Holiday died upon the old homestead.

DANIEL HOLIDAY, oldest living child of Daniel Holiday, Sr., was born in Elk-land township, Tioga county, September 26, 1810. When twelve years old he began working out as a farm hand, later learned the carpenter's trade, and came to Holiday, Middlebury township, in 1832, where he conducted a hotel for fifteen years. He was then elected a justice of the peace, which office he filled continuously for forty years, and also served as a notary public six years. He carried on a general store five years, and conducted a farm during the whole time, finally retiring about 1876. Mr. Holiday married Alvira Keeney, a daughter of Thomas Keeney, who bore him the following children, viz: Byron B., a merchant of Elmira; Van Buren B., station agent at Holiday; Delos, a farmer at Marsh Creek; Milford, deceased; Milton G., who was killed in the Rebellion; Darius, a resident of Wellsboro; Helen, deceased wife of Porter Blanchard, and Haletus P. His second wife was Ruth A., a daughter of I. P. Keeney, who became the mother of four children, viz: Viola, deceased; Mary, wife of Samuel Putnam, of Covington; Addie, wife of Samuel Maxwell, of Corning, and Claude M., also a resident of Corning. Politically, Mr. Holiday is a Democrat, and has filled nearly all the township offices at different periods.

HALETUS P. HOLIDAY, youngest child of Daniel and Elvira Holiday, was born at Holiday, Tioga county, September 30, 1844. When a week old he was taken by Lavina Cady, a sister of his father, and wife of Calvin Cady, with whom he lived for many years. July 3, 1866, he married Ellen Root, born September 4, 1846, a daughter of Isaiah and Sophronia Root. To this union there have been born two children, viz: George M. and Nettie, wife of Ervin Lewis. He built a house on the Cady farm and followed agriculture up to 1886, having bought forty-five acres of his father's farm in 1880, and later 144 acres adjoining it. He next purchased the hotel property at Holiday, and conducted the house for five years, during which time he also engaged in selling farm implements. Since giving up the hotel business he has devoted his attention to tobacco growing. In 1890 the Cady farm was willed to him and his son, George. Mr. Holiday and wife are members of the P. of H., and he is connected with the I. O. O. F.

JOHN WEST, a native of Stoughton Harbor, Massachusetts, born December 2, 1778, was a son of John West, a native of England. He was reared in Vermont, and subsequently located in Madison county, New York, whence he removed to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1829. He engaged quite extensively in the lumber business, and a few years later purchased the farm of the late Nathan T. West, at Middlebury Center, where he died May 3, 1853. He married Polly Holt, to whom were born the following children: Thomas M., Cynthia, John, Polly, Joseph C. and Nathan T., all of whom are dead; Philander, of Middlebury township, and Philetus,

deceased, the two last mentioned being twins. Mrs. West survived her husband fourteen years, dying May 30, 1867, aged eighty-three.

THOMAS M. WEST, oldest child of John and Polly West, was born in Madison county, New York, November 7, 1804. He grew to manhood in his native county, and in 1833 came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located on a farm on Losey creek, in Middlebury township. A short time after he bought and moved to the farm now owned by his son Ira, where he followed farming and lumbering up to his death, February 20, 1882. In 1826 he married Emily Balch, a native of Madison county, New York, born in 1809, who bore him twelve children, viz: Truzilla, deceased; Adaline, wife of Alexander Combs, of Wisconsin; Aaron and Eliza, both deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Thomas B. Keeney; Daniel H., a soldier in the Union army, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, while home on furlough; Thomas H., deceased; Orrin, and Ira, farmers of Middlebury township; William R., a farmer and lumberman of Wisconsin; Emily, wife of Gibson Niles, of Delmar township, and Marian A., wife of C. A. Goodwin, of Middelbury. Mrs. West died on May 30, 1881, aged seventy-two years.

IRA WEST was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, October 12, 1842, the ninth child of Thomas M. and Emily West. He attended the common schools of his neighborhood and worked at home until twenty-two years of age, and then began working farms on shares, which business he continued up to 1880. In that year he purchased the homestead farm, and cared for his parents during the remainder of their lives. On March 6, 1865, Mr. West married Polly P., a daughter of the late Nathan T. West, of Middlebury Center. She was born September 25, 1845, and is the mother of nine children, all of whom are living in Middlebury township, viz: Floretta, wife of J. M. Whitney; Ada B., wife of G. L. Niles; William E., Alvira A., wife of Walter Ames; Dora M., Thomas H., Annetta P., Adrain C. and Nathan T. Mrs. West is a member of the Free Will Baptist church, and both she and her husband are connected with the P. of H. In politics, he is an independent voter.

NATHAN T. WEST was born in Madison county, New York, in 1818, and was about eleven years old when his parents, John and Polly West, came to Tioga county. He remained on the home farm until nineteen years of age, when he purchased the farm now owned by his son, John E., then consisting of 103 acres of timber land. He cleared and improved this property, and made it his home until his father's death, when he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead and located upon it. He married Aurilla Niles, a daughter of Erastus Niles, March 23, 1838. She was born in Tioga township, March 19, 1821, and is the mother of the following children: Adelbert, a farmer of Middlebury; John E., a resident of the same township; Nathan B., a stonemason at Keeneyville; Polly P., wife of Ira West, of Middlebury; Edward W., of Farmington; Alfred C., who lives in Middlebury township; Hobart P., a resident of Wellsboro; Aurilla A., wife of George Reynolds, of Chatham, and Richard A., who lives near Jamestown, New York. Mrs. West is a member of the Free Will Baptist church. Mr. West died October 6, 1896, aged seventy-nine years. In politics, he was a stanch Democrat, held all the township offices at different periods, and was one of the most substantial farmers in the county.

ADELBERT WEST, eldest child of Nathan T. West, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, October 17, 1839. He attended the district schools in boyhood, and worked on the home farm until 1863, when he purchased eighty-six acres of his present farm and settled upon it. He followed farming five years, and then went to Warren county, Pennsylvania, where he worked two years. Returning to his farm in Middlebury, he has ever since devoted his attention to agriculture, with the exception of eighteen months spent in Warren county working for the Buffalo and Warren Railroad Company. He now owns 151 acres of well-improved land. Mr. West was married in July, 1863, to Frances Cummings, a daughter of Dwight Cummings, who bore him two children, viz: Adelbert D., a farmer of Middlebury, and Kittie, wife of Frank Pease, of the same township. His second wife was Marian L. Briggs, a daughter of William Briggs, of Warren county, Pennsylvania, whom he married November 23, 1867. Four children have been born to this union, viz: Leon J., Loretta, Frederick W. and Rufus B. The family are members of the Free Will Baptist church, and Mr. West and wife are connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics, he is an ardent Democrat.

JOHN E. WEST, second son of Nathan T. West, was born on his present farm in Middlebury township, August 10, 1841. He attended the district schools in boyhood, and when twenty years of age began for himself by renting a portion of the old homestead from his father, which he continued to do for sixteen years. In 1870 he purchased thirty acres of land adjoining, to which he added a small tract in 1875, and in 1876 bought from his father the seventy-eight acres he had been renting, also seventy-nine acres more, and in 1882 an additional forty acres. In 1888 he moved to Virginia, purchased a farm of 450 acres, and resided upon it three years. Returning to Tioga county, he traded his Virginia land for eighty-one acres adjoining his Middlebury farm, and now owns a well improved farm of 300 acres all in one body. September 27, 1860, Mr. West married Martha Wormer, of Chatham township, who bore him one son, Nathan T., a farmer of Middlebury. Mrs. West died May 14, 1865, aged twenty-four years. Mr. West was again married July 4, 1865, to Olive I. Croft, a daughter of John M. Croft, of Chatham township. She was born October 26, 1847, and has had four children, viz: Minnie, wife of E. E. Goodwin, of Deerfield; Nellie, who died at the age of four; John B., and Mildred E. Mr. and Mrs. West are members of the Free Will Baptist church, and in politics, he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM SPAULDING was born in Hebron, New York, September 28, 1788. Soon after his birth the family moved to Vermont, where his father died when William was about four years old and he then went to live with a Mr. Taylor. He obtained a common school education, and subsequently purchased a small farm in Vermont, where he lived up to 1836. In that year he came to Tioga county and bought a piece of timber land in Chatham township, erected his cabin in the midst of the primitive forest, and resided there until his death, November 9, 1863. His wife, Mary Briggs, whom he married in Vermont, was born in Dummerston, Vermont, December 4, 1790, and became the mother of thirteen children, as follows: Priscilla, who died at the age of seventy-six; Seth B., who died at the age of sixty-six; William, who died aged seventy years; Mary, and Luther, both of whom died at the age of seventy-five; John, a resident of Chatham township; Samuel, who died in

early youth; Sem P., a farmer of Middlebury; S. Seymour, who died aged sixty-eight; Hannah, widow of J. B. Brown; Fannie, wife of Milo Goodwin, of Middlebury; Laura, wife of David H. Curtis, of Chatham, and Simeon. Mrs. Spaulding died February 19, 1886, at the remarkable age of nearly ninety-six years.

SEM P. SPAULDING was born in Londonderry, Vermont, January 5, 1825, eighth child of William and Mary Spaulding. He was eleven years old when his parents came to Tioga county, and he worked on the homestead in Chatham township, assisting his father to clear and improve it, until he was seventeen years old. He then began working out as a farm hand and in the lumber woods, which he followed a few years. At the end of this period he purchased a portion of his present farm, now embracing 250 acres, where he has since resided, devoting his attention to farming and lumbering. He married Susan E. Beckwith, a daughter of Sylvester Beckwith, an early settler in Tioga borough, and later in Middlebury township. She was born in Tioga, Tioga county, May 28, 1835. Five children were born to this union, viz: Mary D., wife of George Vanderhoof, of Middlebury; George B., who married Sarah Brigdon, and lives on a part of the old homestead; Sem P., who married Annie Mosier, and also lives on a part of the home farm; William H., a cigar maker of Wellsboro, who married Cassie Gaylord, of Mansfield, and Effie M., at home. Mrs. Spaulding is a member of the First Baptist church, at Hammond. In politics, the family are Republicans. Mr. Spaulding has served as school director and supervisor, and is a successful farmer and an enterprising citizen. He is the only one of the family that cared for the gun and rod, and he has been quite a famous sportsman. His home is adorned with many trophies of the chase, in which he takes much pride.

WILLIAM STARKEY was born in the state of New York, in 1787, there grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade. About 1835 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, worked at his trade here a few years, and then bought a farm in Middlebury township. He cleared a portion of it, and resided there until his death, November 14, 1851, aged sixty-four years. He married Mary E. Benjamin, who bore him six children, viz: Harriet, deceased wife of Luther Washburn; Clarissa, wife of Allen Daggett, of Southport, New York; Philena C., wife of William Barnes, of Middlebury township; Samuel B., deceased; Eliza, wife of Erstine Ives, of Middlebury, and John, who resides at Middlebury Center. Mrs. Starkey died January 13, 1866, in the seventy-fourth year of her age.

JOHN STARKEY was born in Allegany county, New York, February 23, 1830, the youngest son of William Starkey. When twenty-one years of age he began for himself on a rented farm, but at the end of one year he returned to his father's farm and finished clearing it up and paying off the debt still due upon it when his father died. There he remained up to 1868, in which year he removed to a farm he had previously purchased at Middlebury Center, where he also acted as superintendent of the turnpike from Tioga to Wellsboro for sixteen years. He built and conducted a general store at Middlebury Center for about ten years, and during his whole business career has been actively engaged in lumbering. In 1888 he purchased the hotel at that point, and moved into it the following year. In 1891 the building was burned, but he immediately rebuilt and continued the business. Besides his hotel property, Mr. Starkey owns over 1,000 acres of land in Tioga county, and also a

property in Wellsboro, all of which he has accumulated by untiring industry and careful management. He is to-day one of the largest property owners in Middlebury township, as well as one of its most successful business men. Mr. Starkey was married January 18, 1859, to Caroline Palmer, a daughter of Lemuel M. and Eunice E. (Storer) Palmer, of Rutland township. She was born in Tioga county, March 27, 1839, the fourth in a family of seven children. To Mr. and Mrs. Starkey have been born eight children, viz: Addie V., wife of Truman E. Carpenter, of Charleston township; Jennie M., wife of Judson H. Stephens, of Middlebury; Frank W., a merchant of Middlebury Center, who married Anna L. Dennison, of Charleston township, and has two children, Maude and George W.; Angie H., deceased; Emma S., wife of George N. Shaff, of Belmont, New York; Anna L., deceased; Fred L., and Nellie E., wife of Byron E. Churchill, of Middlebury township. In politics, Mr. Starkey is a liberal Republican, and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Tioga county.

OLIVER BRIGGS, a native of New England, came from Tioga county, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1834, and located in Middlebury township, on the farm now owned by his son, A. B. A. Briggs. Here he followed farming to the time of his death. He was twice married. His first wife, Lydia Hoag, bore him three children, viz: Jacob, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Perry Gage, of Jackson township, and Ebenezer H., a farmer of Middlebury. Mrs. Briggs died in 1820, and he was again married, to Betsey E. Edwards. Eight children were born to this union, viz: Edward and Lydia A., both deceased; Ira, a farmer of Middlebury; Clarissa, Walter, Louisa and Oliver, all deceased, and A. B. A., who lives on the old homestead, where the parents died.

IRA BRIGGS was born in Spencer, Tioga county, New York, October 1, 1829, and is the oldest living child of Oliver and Betsey E. Briggs. He was five years old when his parents came to this county. Here he grew to maturity, attended the district schools in boyhood, and assisted in the duties on the farm. When nineteen years of age he went to work for his brother, Jacob, with whom he remained four years, and then purchased a portion of his present farm from the Bingham estate. Eight years later he purchased an adjoining tract from his brother, Jacob, making a farm of 146 acres, on which he has resided up to the present, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Briggs was married in March, 1853, to Margaret A. Morrell, second daughter of Stephen Morrell, of Jackson township, with whom he lived about twelve years, and was then legally separated. On January 1, 1871, he married Ermina M. Conley, second daughter of Jacob Conley, to which union were born five children, viz: Bert J., Ettie May, who married A. B. Fish, March 7, 1896; Rosa Nell, wife of Homer P. Cloos; Jennie V. and Mattie B., all of whom are living. The family attend the Baptist church. Beginning in life without a dollar, he has accumulated through the passing years a good property, and has been fairly successful in his business affairs. He taught music from 1868 to 1871, and the family possess considerable musical talent. In politics, Mr. Briggs is a Republican.

SAMUEL A. CADY, a native of Jasper, New York, born March 15, 1810, was the fourth in a family of five children born to Abel Cady, viz: Michael, Daniel, Manassa, Samuel A. and Esther. He received a common school education, but was

only four years old when his father died, and was compelled to make his own living from early boyhood. When twenty-five years of age he bought the Cady farm in Middlebury township, Tioga county, where he followed agriculture until his death, March 22, 1881. He was postmaster of Chatham Valley for a number of years, also at Holiday for two years, was an active Democrat, and one of the best business men in his section. In religion, he was an Adventist. On March 3, 1832, Mr. Cady married Adaline Cole, a daughter of Sala Cole, who was born in Vermont, March 3, 1815. Four children were born to this union, viz: Charlotte M., wife of Dennis Andrews; Celestia M., wife of Edward A. Keeler; Wesley P., who enlisted in Company G, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was killed in the charge on Fort Mahone, in front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, in the twenty-sixth year of his age, leaving a widow and two daughters, the former now the wife of M. B. Brown, of Lawrence township; and Sala V. Mrs. Cady died on December 26, 1874.

SALA V. CADY, youngest child of Samuel A. Cady, was born on his present farm in Middlebury township, Tioga county, July 18, 1851, was reared on the homestead, and worked in the lumber woods during the winter seasons. He was married November 8, 1882, to Jane N. Clark, a daughter of Albert Clark, of Chatham township, and has one child, Leo Netto, born April 3, 1884. In politics, Mr. Cady is a stanch Democrat, and is recognized as one of the progressive farmers of his native township, where he owns a well-improved farm of 137 acres, a part of it having belonged to the old Cady homestead.

ALEXANDER A. McLEAN was born in Yates county, New York, November 3, 1814, and learned the blacksmith's trade at Dresden, where he served an apprenticeship of five years. In 1832, when but eighteen years of age, he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and worked for three years as foreman of a blacksmith shop in Tioga village. He then moved to Middlebury Center and carried on a shop for some ten years, at the end of which time he went to Indiana and remained in that state up to 1860. Returning to Tioga county, he established a shop at Hammond, and continued blacksmithing until 1880, when he retired from active business and was succeeded by his son, John A. Mr. McLean married Mary J. Potter, a daughter of Henry H. Potter. She was born October 25, 1820, and became the mother of thirteen children, viz: William and Marietta, both of whom died in early youth; Edwin, a resident of Indiana, who served three years and nine months in the Rebellion; Sarah, deceased wife of James Marcus; Henry H., who died at Chattanooga, Tennessee, while a soldier in the Rebellion; Delia, wife of M. S. Potter, of Syracuse; Lewis G., a resident of Indiana; Alanson C., who lives in South Dakota; John A., a blacksmith at Hammond; Lizzie, wife of G. W. Groom, of South Williamsport; Emma, wife of Charles M. Jennings, of Charleston township; Ida I., deceased wife of C. L. Ferry, and Carrie, who died at the age of three years. Mrs. McLean died April 17, 1880. Her husband resides with his son, John A., at Hammond.

JOHN A. McLEAN, son of Alexander A. McLean, was born at Rob Roy, Fountain county, Indiana, January 15, 1853, and was seven years old when his father located at Hammond. When thirteen years of age he went into his father's shop to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he has followed continuously ever since at Hammond, but has also been engaged in farming on a small scale on land owned by



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his wife. Mr. McLean was married October 6, 1881, to Ada B. Stevens, a daughter of Daniel G. Stevens, of Middlebury, to which union have been born four children, viz: Henry H., Eveline J., Clara E. and Ida E. The family attend the First Baptist church, and in politics, support the Republican party.

CHARLES N. WILCOX was born March 29, 1815, and came to Tioga county in early manhood, locating in Middlebury township. He married Ruby Keeney, a daughter of Jesse Keeney, of that township, July 21, 1839. She was born May 18, 1822, and became the mother of five children, viz: Edward A., born April 19, 1840, who died in infancy; George E., born November 12, 1841, and died November 6, 1847; Jesse K., born November 12, 1843, and died in Andersonville prison, in October, 1864, while a Union prisoner; Catherine E., born April 12, 1846, and died December 24, following, and Ransom E., born March 24, 1848, a farmer of Middlebury township. Mr. Wilcox was a staunch Democrat. He died July 11, 1854, at Waterville, Wisconsin, while on his way to visit a brother in the west. His widow survived him six years, dying December 4, 1860.

RANSOM EUGENE WILCOX, only living child of Charles N. Wilcox, was born at Keeneyville, Tioga county, March 24, 1848. He received a common school education up to the age of twelve years, when the death of his mother compelled him to go out into the world to make his own living. He worked as a farm hand until he was twenty-three years old, when he went to learn the carpenter's trade. He purchased a home in Keeneyville, followed his trade there until 1877, and then bought his present farm of eighty acres northeast of that village. He still continued to work at his trade for some ten years, but has since devoted his whole attention to agriculture. Mr. Wilcox was married March 24, 1869, to Mary L. Dickinson, a daughter of Nathaniel Dickinson, of Middlebury township, where she was born August 13, 1844. Five children have been the fruits of this union, viz: Jesse N., born February 10, 1870, and died September 5, 1889; Raymond C., born January 19, 1873, and died March 6, following; Agnes M., born January 5, 1875, wife of Warren Colgrove, of Savona, New York; Charles E., born June 28, 1878, and Ruby L., born August 23, 1880, and died October 14, of the same year. Mr. Wilcox is a Prohibitionist, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and the Patrons of Husbandry.

NATHANIEL DICKINSON, a native of New York state, was born September 18, 1818, a son of Arnold and Mary (Sutton) Dickinson. His father was a son of Nathaniel Dickinson, who came with his brothers, Francis and Arnold, from England to America about 1770. Nathaniel, Sr., and one of his brothers were soldiers in the Revolution. The subject of this sketch was reared in New York and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1839. He purchased a farm four miles north of Holiday, in Middlebury township, but was obliged to cut a road through the forest from Holiday to his farm before he could reach the latter. He cleared and improved this property, and resided upon it up to his death, July 7, 1869. He married Eliza L. Smith, a daughter of David Smith. She was born in Hartford, Connecticut, January 2, 1819, and is the mother of five children, viz: Mary L., wife of R. E. Wilcox; George W., a farmer of Middlebury; Fidelia I., wife of Albert E. Hackett, of Smethport, McKean county; John J., of Middlebury, and a daughter that died in infancy. Nathaniel Dickinson was a well educated and public-spirited citizen, and quite ac-

tive in public affairs. Politically, a Republican, he filled nearly all of the township offices at different periods. His widow resides with her son, John J.

GEORGE W. DICKINSON, eldest son of Nathaniel Dickinson, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, November 15, 1845. He was educated in the common schools and the academies of the county, and also attended Bryant and Stratton's Commercial College, Binghamton, New York. When nineteen years of age he commenced teaching, and taught at Losey Creek, Keeneyville, Shortsville, Roe and Treat's. He remained on the home farm until twenty-three years old, and then became book-keeper for a lumber firm in Shippen township. Soon after he purchased his present farm of fifty acres, which was then covered by the primitive forest, and has since resided upon it. In 1887 he bought seventy-two acres more, a short distance northeast of the original homestead, and has devoted his attention principally to farming. Mr. Dickinson was married November 15, 1868, to Myra J. Keeney, a daughter of Richard M. Keeney, of Middlebury township. They are the parents of two children, viz: Anna M., born March 19, 1871, and died June 21, 1880, and Burton N., born June 24, 1881. The family are members of the Free Baptist church, in which Mr. Dickinson has been choir leader for many years. In politics, a Republican, he has held all the township offices except constable and justice of the peace, and has been clerk for many years. Mr. Dickinson is president of the Tioga County Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and a member of the executive committee of the State Grange. Both he and wife are members of the P. of H., and he has always taken a deep interest in the growth and prosperity of that society, to which he has devoted a great deal of valuable time.

JOHN SHAFF, a native of Saratoga Springs, New York, born in 1776, was a son of William Shaff, who came from Germany to America and fought in the Revolution. John was reared in New York state, and married Annis McCarty, who bore him a family of eleven children, viz: Nancy, widow of Darius Dickinson; Stephen C., a resident of Middlebury; Betsey, William, Margaret, Jane and Angeline, all of whom are dead; Rosanna, widow of Moses French; Lucinda, deceased; Wellington, a farmer in Lawrence township, and John H., a resident of Potter county. Mr. Shaff and family came to Tioga county in 1839, and located on a farm in Middlebury township. Here his wife died in 1857, and himself in 1871.

STEPHEN C. SHAFF, oldest son of John Shaff, was born in Schoharie county, New York, April 4, 1809, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in January, 1836. He purchased eighty acres of timber land in Middlebury township, and set to work clearing and improving it, making agriculture and lumbering his life vocation. He married Cynthia West, a daughter of John West. She was born February 19, 1806, and became the mother of nine children, viz: Mary A., wife of A. E. Rowley, of Middlebury township; Henry J. and Porter D., both residents of Middlebury; Lois, wife of John E. Roe, of the same township; Asa, James A. and Hulda, all of whom are dead; Matilda, wife of Jacob Schaffner, of Lindley, New York, and Alonzo D., of Middlebury. Mrs. Shaff died September 24, 1875. In July, 1862, Mr. Shaff enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until February, 1863, when he was discharged on account of sickness. In politics, he is a stanch Republican.

HENRY J. SHAFF, eldest son of Stephen C. Shaff, was born in Madison county, New York, September 10, 1834, and was less than two years old when his parents

came to Tioga county. He was reared on the homestead in Middlebury township, and in the spring of 1854 went to Wisconsin, and worked in the lumber woods of that State a few years. In 1858 he and his brother, Porter D., purchased the old homestead of 205 acres, on which they both now reside. Here he followed farming up to 1866, when he and Newbury Cloos, Jr., built a saw-mill on Losey Creek. He followed that business up to December, 1894, quite successfully. Mr. Shaff has been identified with many of the leading industries of the county, and every dollar he now possesses was earned by hard work and rigid economy. He was married September 6, 1861, to Amarilla Cloos, eldest child of Newbury Cloos, Jr. She was born in Deerfield township, April 1, 1844, and is the mother of three children, viz: George, deceased; George N., a resident of Belmont, New York, and Sophia E., wife of Matthew Haskell, of Middlebury township. In politics, Mr. Shaff is a Democrat, and has served as a school director three years. He is a member of the K. of H., and one of the enterprising farmers of the community.

PORTER D. SHAFF, second son of Stephen C. Shaff, and grandson of John Shaff, was born in Madison county, New York, October 13, 1835, three months prior to the coming of his parents to Tioga county. He was reared in Middlebury township, and attended the common schools of his district in boyhood. With the exception of a few months in 1865, when employed by the United States government, and about one year spent in Illinois and Wisconsin, he has always been engaged in farming and lumbering in this county. His homestead farm contains 207 acres, and he also owns 1,193 acres of timber land in Lunenburg county, Virginia. On September 7, 1861, he married Mary J. Dickinson, a daughter of Darius Dickinson. She was born December 20, 1835, and has five children, named as follows: Stephen C., a resident of South Dakota; James R., of Middlebury; Ida A., wife of Burt Sherburn, a resident of the same township; Clarence E., and Nettie J., wife of Orrin Doan, both residents of Middlebury. In politics, Mr. Shaff is a stanch Republican, and has been a school director for the past twenty-five years, and assistant assessor three terms. Mr. Shaff and sons, James and Clarence, are members of the I. O. O. F., and themselves and wives are connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. He is one of the progressive, enterprising farmers of the county.

ALONZO D. SHAFF, youngest son of Stephen C. Shaff, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, April 9, 1851, obtained a common school education, and worked for his brother, Porter D., until his majority. He then began working out as a farm hand, and at the end of six years purchased the farm on which he now resides. Eight years later he sold a part of it to his father, and again went to work as a laborer, lumberman, and farmer, on rented farms, returning to his old property in 1894, which is owned by his father. Mr. Shaff was married January 15, 1876, to Louise Eggleston, a daughter of E. H. Eggleston, of Middlebury township. She was born April 23, 1856, and is the mother of nine children, as follows: Cynthia, Edwin, Mary, Iva, Grant, Grace, Burr, who died in infancy; Ethel, and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Shaff are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, he is an independent voter.

GILBERT B. OWLETT, SR., was born in Kent county, England, April 11, 1799. His father, Thomas Owlett, was a farmer, and the son adopted the same vocation. In 1822 he married Miss Martha Pope, and in 1831 came with his family to the

United States, locating in Saratoga county, New York. Later he removed to Otsego county, New York, and in 1840 came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased a farm of 140 acres on the line of Chatham and Middlebury townships. Here he resided until his death, August 22, 1877. His farm then passed into the possession of his son Benjamin, and is still owned by him. Mr. Owlett was thrice married. His first wife died in 1851, leaving eleven children, as follows: Thomas M., a deceased farmer of Chatham township; Martha, wife of Edwin Temple, of Corning, New York; Gilbert B., a retired farmer, Keeneyville; Jane, widow of Charles Close; Mary Ann, wife of Albert Foote; Mrs. Rebecca Foote, of Elkland; Susan, wife of James Hamilton, of Jackson township; John, a deceased farmer of Chatham; Sally A., wife of Charles H. Van Dusen; Benjamin, a retired farmer, Keeneyville, and Joseph, a farmer of Chatham township. His second wife, Mrs. Phila Lee, was a daughter of Julius Seely. She died in 1860, leaving two children: Henry J., of Horseheads, New York, and Edward Howland, an attorney of Wellsboro. His third wife, Mrs. Adelia Van Osten, nee Ford, survived him a few years. Mr. Owlett was a representative pioneer farmer. Rugged physical powers, practical wisdom and strict integrity were his distinguishing characteristics. When he came to Tioga county he took possession of an uncleared tract of land in an almost unbroken wilderness. At the time of his death five of his sons were settled on adjoining farms, the family possessions embracing over 1,000 acres of land.

GILBERT B. OWLETT, retired farmer, Keeneyville, was born in Kent county, England, June 26, 1826, and was five years old when the family came from England to the United States, and fourteen when they settled in Middlebury township, Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood, and at the age of twenty-two years purchased a farm of eighty-two acres of heavily timbered land in Middlebury township. This has since been cleared, added to and improved, until his present farm embraces 225 acres, and is one of the best in this part of the county. In 1890 Mr. Owlett rented his farm and moved to Keeneyville, where he purchased a hotel property, which he has since remodeled and fitted up as a residence. Mr. Owlett has been twice married. In 1848 he married Sarah Temple, a daughter of Maj. Russell Temple, of Chatham township, who bore him three children, viz: Jane, wife of Lawrence Martin, of Farmington; James H., a farmer of Chatham, and Madella, wife of Charles O. Churchill, of Chatham township. Mrs. Owlett died June 9, 1888. On March 14, 1895, Mr. Owlett married Julia Roushy, a daughter of Jacob Roushy, of Chemung county, New York. In politics, a Republican, he is one of the prominent and substantial citizens of Middlebury.

CALVIN HAMMOND, a son of Ebenezer and Sally Hammond, was born in Warren county, New York, November 1, 1820. He attended the common schools of his native county, and on attaining his majority came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and found employment in a saw-mill at Hammond. A short time later he bought the plant and carried on quite an extensive lumber business, subsequently purchasing the farm which his two sons now own. Mr. Hammond was an energetic business man, upright and honest in all his dealings, and had many friends in the community. He was married in Warren county, New York, to Louisa Wells, who bore him five children, viz: Janette, wife of Andrew Briggs, of Wellsboro; Alice M., widow of Henry Hymes; Emmer, wife of Frank Steele, of Bradford county; Frank, and

George, the latter deceased. Mrs. Hammond died August 29, 1860, and her husband was again married, to Emma A. Stone. Three children were born to this union, viz: Arthur G., of Middlebury; Jennie and Ida. Mr. Hammond died May 5, 1876, and his widow, December 21, 1891.

FRANK HAMMOND, superintendent for J. B. Weed & Company, at Slate Run, Lycoming county, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, and is the only son living of Calvin and Louisa (Wells) Hammond. He obtained a good education in the public schools of Tioga and Wellsboro, and at Mansfield Business College. He worked on the home farm until twenty years of age, and then followed lumbering in Middlebury township for two years. He next cultivated a farm for three years, and conducted a store at Hammond for two years. At the end of this period he was appointed foreman with J. B. Weed & Company, lumber operators, and was soon after made shipping clerk. He worked for that firm three years, and then entered the employ of C. B. Farr & Company, lumber dealers, and later engaged with the Union Tanning Company. After a year spent with the latter, he returned to J. B. Weed & Company, with whom he has since filled the position of superintendent at Slate Run. He owns and lives on a part of the old homestead, and also owns an additional tract of seventy-eight acres in Middlebury township. Mr. Hammond was married August 20, 1876, to Amy Thurston, a daughter of A. K. Thurston, of Middlebury, and has two children, Keith C. and Callie M. The family belong to the First Baptist church, at Hammond. In politics, Mr. Hammond is a Republican, and has filled the office of school director one term. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the F. & A. M., and the K. O. T. M. societies, and is recognized as one of the enterprising citizens of the community.

ARTHUR G. HAMMOND, only son of Calvin and Emma (Stone) Hammond, was born on his present farm, in Middlebury township, October 20, 1867, and obtained a good education in the district schools and Tioga graded schools. He is living on the old homestead, a well-improved farm of 160 acres near Hammond, and has devoted his attention to agriculture. On February 22, 1888, he married Martha Simonds, a daughter of Oscar Simonds, of Middlebury township, and has one daughter, Hazel. The family are members of the First Baptist church, at Hammond. In politics, Mr. Hammond is a Republican, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. He is one of the substantial young farmers of Middlebury.

HENRY H. POTTER, a son of Benjamin Potter, was born in Rhode Island, September 15, 1791, and removed with his parents to Onondaga county, New York, in 1804. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under General Scott, and participated in the battle of Lundy's Lane and other engagements on the Canadian frontier. He was thrice married. His first wife was a Miss Ketchum, who bore him one son, Alanson E., now a resident of Spring Lake, Minnesota. His second wife was Abigail Maxwell, to which union were born three children, viz: Howard H., who died in Wisconsin in 1878; Jane, deceased wife of A. A. McLean, and Delia A., widow of A. C. Cole. About 1824 Mr. Potter removed to Spring Mills, Allegany county, New York, and built the first mill at that place, thus giving the hamlet its name. In 1827 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and kept the tavern at Lawrenceville, afterwards known as Slosson's Hotel. Here his second wife died, December 17, 1828. On March 12, 1829, he married Malinda G. Stevens, a daughter

of Martin Stevens, an early settler of Middlebury township. To this union were born eight children, viz: Harriet, deceased wife of the late W. H. Currier, of New Hampshire; Jerome B., and Angie, wife of H. E. Potter, both residents of Wellsboro; Benjamin B., who lives in St. Clair, Michigan; Julia A., wife of L. A. Potter, and George W., both residents of Middlebury; Albert W., of Mansfield, and Alice, wife of Poleman Brown, of Middlebury. In 1830 Mr. Potter removed to Tioga and for several years kept the old Willard Hotel. During the building of the Corning and Blossburg railroad in 1839-40, he took contracts for two sections of the road bed, on which he lost over \$4,000 by the failure of the party with whom he made the contract. Mr. Potter, however, paid his employes to the last cent. For several years afterwards he was seriously embarrassed, but eventually succeeded in recovering from his financial troubles. In 1843 he located at Middlebury Center, where he kept hotel for many years, the place becoming widely known as "Potters." He was elected county commissioner in 1843, and sheriff of the county in 1846. For thirty years he was postmaster at Middlebury Center, the office originally being named "Potter" in his honor. He died March 24, 1879, in the eighty-eighth year of his age, and his wife, January 8, 1886, in her seventy-ninth year.

JEROME B. POTTER was born in Tioga, Pennsylvania, January 6, 1833, and is the eldest son of Henry H. and Malinda G. Potter. He was educated in the common schools and at Alfred Seminary, in Allegany county, New York. About 1855 he embarked in the mercantile and lumber business at Middlebury Center, continuing four years. In the spring of 1861 he was appointed to a clerkship in the United States treasury department, Washington, D. C., which position he resigned four years later on account of ill health. Returning to his home, he was elected sheriff of Tioga county in 1867 and served one term. He next engaged in the real estate and lumber business which he followed up to 1880. In 1876 he was appointed one of the inspectors of internal revenue during the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. In 1878 he was elected sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg and served through two sessions. In 1881 he became private secretary to Hon. John I. Mitchell, United States Senator from Pennsylvania. He was also appointed clerk of the Senate committee on pensions, serving in that capacity nine years. In December, 1895, he was appointed one of the assistant door-keepers of the House of Representatives at Washington, a position he still holds. Mr. Potter retains his residence in Wellsboro and owns the old homestead in Middlebury township. He was married December 3, 1858, to Amy E. Rockwell, a daughter of Norman and Sophia Rockwell, of Cherry Flats, to which union have been born nine children, as follows: Cora L., wife of T. C. Sullivan, of Wellsboro; May M., deceased; Burton M., an attorney of Wellsboro; Edwin S., editor of the *Pathfinder*, Washington, D. C.; Margaret S., a physician of the same city; Maud A., wife of C. H. Seaton, of Washington; Frances W., a teacher in the Washington public schools; Helen H. and Shirley B. Mr. Potter has been a life-long Republican and a staunch adherent of the principles and measures of that party. He was a delegate from this congressional district to the National Republican Convention in 1856, and also to the National Republican Convention of 1872.

RICHARD BROWN is one of the oldest and best known farmers in Middlebury township. He is a native of Woodstock, Connecticut, born August 6, 1815, a son of James and Elizabeth (Carpenter) Brown, natives of Connecticut and Rhode Island,

respectively, and of English ancestry. Richard was the fourth in a family of six children, as follows: William, Maria, Almira, Richard, Amy and James B. The father was drowned in Rhode Island about 1845, and the mother died in Middlebury township, at the home of her son Richard, aged seventy-nine years. The subject of this sketch is the only survivor of the family. When ten years old he went to work in a cotton factory in his native town, where he was employed eight years, at the end of which period the family moved to Rhode Island, and from there to Otsego county, New York, and subsequently to Michigan. In 1849 Richard came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and rented a farm at Wellsboro, where he resided ten years. In March, 1859, he purchased his present homestead in Middlebury township, upon which he has lived for the past thirty-eight years. On August 5, 1847, Mr. Brown married Annette Wilcox, a daughter of Archibald Wilcox. She was born September 16, 1822, and is the mother of two children, viz: James H., born November 20, 1852, who resides with his parents, but owns a farm adjoining the old homestead which he also cultivates; and Mary L., born May 11, 1854, wife of Albert Redfield, of Virginia. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Baptist church. In politics, the family are staunch Republicans.

JAMES B. BROWN was born in Woodstock, Connecticut, December 18, 1820, a son of James and Elizabeth (Carpenter) Brown, and a younger brother of Richard Brown. When a mere lad he went to work in a calico-printing mill, where he was employed up to 1839. He then enlisted in the United States navy, and soon after was chosen as one of 300 picked men to make the famous voyage around the world on board the United States man-of-war Boston. (This vessel was lost with all on board, off Key West, on the next voyage). On his return from this voyage, which lasted three and a half years, he went to Chenango county, New York, where he worked on a farm for a period. In 1845 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and found employment in the lumber woods, and later worked a year on a farm in Middlebury. In 1847 he bought eighty-eight acres of timber land north of Holiday, and some years later purchased 112 acres more, on which he passed the remainder of his life, engaged in agriculture pursuits. His wife, Hannah, was a daughter of William Spaulding, of Chatham Valley. She was born in Windham county, Vermont, March 5, 1829, and reared one son, Poleman E. Mr. Brown died December 16, 1894. His widow resides on the old homestead. By his own energy and industry, he created one of the finest farms in Middlebury township. An upright, Christian man, he was for years a deacon in the First Baptist church at Holiday, and a very liberal contributor towards that society. He was an active member of the Republican party, and filled the offices of supervisor, school director and collector at different periods.

POLEMAN E. BROWN, only child of James B. Brown, was born on his present homestead in Middlebury township, Tioga county, March 20, 1849, and has spent his entire life on the home farm. He was married September 24, 1872, to Alice Potter, youngest child of Henry H. Potter. She was born at Middlebury Center, September 23, 1850, and is the mother of six children, viz: Roy, who died at the age of five years, Shirley A., James C., Earl H., Ross E. and Mary R. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the First Baptist church, and also of the P. of H. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., and in politics, is an adherent of the Republican party.

ARVINE CLARKE was born near Bennington, Vermont, July 7, 1791, and re-

moved with his parents to Chenango county, New York, in 1805. His father was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and served with Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold at the capture of Fort Ticonderoga. Early in life he became interested in the lumber business, and in 1840 lumbered extensively on the Chemung river and its branches, extending his operations to the lands and mills on Crooked creek, near Tioga, known as the "Bill Willard" property, during which period he lived in Elmira. About 1848 he came to Tioga, becoming interested in several tracts of timber land, and built the first steam saw-mill in the county, on Crooked creek, near Hammond. He died in 1858 at the home of his son-in-law, H. M. Johnson, then president of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Mr. Clarke married Eliza Higgins Clarke, of Chenango county, New York. She was born April 23, 1789, and died August 26, 1877, and is buried beside her husband at Milford, New York. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Clarissa Ann, widow of Timothy Rose; Lucena Eliza, who married H. M. Johnson, D. D., LL. D., and died March 4, 1890; Mary Ruth, who married Dr. Isaac Sullivan, of Mississippi, and died January 29, 1860; Sarah Maria, widow of Hon. John Eddy; David Arvine, who died in Middlebury township; Harriet Calista, wife of L. D. McCabe, D. D., LL. D., vice-president of the Ohio Wesleyan University; William Edgar, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Marvin Emory, a resident of Philadelphia.

DAVID ARVINE CLARKE was born at Sidney Plains, New York, March 7, 1823, and received a college preparatory education at Elmira, and Cazenovia Seminary. After coming to Tioga county, he embarked in the lumber business with his father, and also engaged in merchandising for a short time. In 1850 he bought the farm in Middlebury township on which his son, John E., now resides, and devoted a part of his time to agriculture. He was one of the well-known citizens of the community, and at his death, April 29, 1894, left a large circle of friends. He married Martha J. Lockwood, of Horseheads, New York, to whom were born five children, viz: John E., of Middlebury; Sarah F., a school teacher in Scranton; Milburn A., deceased; Mary E., a trained nurse residing in Philadelphia, and Anna C., a physician of Scranton, with whom Mrs. Clarke resides.

JOHN E. CLARKE, eldest child of David A. and Martha J. Clarke, and grandson of Arvine Clarke, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, November 9, 1853. He attended the common schools of his district, and subsequently the normal school at Cortland, New York, and has since devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in Middlebury township. On April 4, 1882, he married Sarah J., a daughter of D. N. Lawrence, of Bradford county, where she was born July 2, 1854. They have three children: Arvine N., Daniel M. and Martha J. Mrs. Clarke is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Clarke is a Republican, and is also a member of the Grange.

WILLIAM GEE, a native of New York state, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1824, and purchased a farm in Farmington township. Here both he and wife spent the balance of their lives. He died in 1838, and his wife in 1843. They were the parents of eight children, named as follows: Joshua, Thomas, Joseph, Daniel, John, Jane, Pattie and Sally, all of whom are dead.

JOSEPH GEE, second son of William Gee, was born in Orange county, New York,

in 1808, and was sixteen years of age when he and an elder brother came to Tioga county ahead of their parents and made the first clearings upon the old homestead in Farmington township, which he afterwards purchased. He was educated in the district schools, and after attaining his majority devoted his attention to farming, and was also engaged in lumbering on the Cowanesque river. He married Lavina Culver, who bore him eleven children, viz: Mary, wife of C. W. Barlow, of Wisconsin; Ephraim, Charles F. and Sallie, all deceased; Hannah, wife of Thomas Roe, of Middlebury; Joseph, deceased; Amasa, a resident of Delmar; Sabra, wife of Ali Briggs, of Middlebury, now deceased; Leander, of Middlebury; Walter, deceased, and Clark, a farmer of Middlebury township. Mr. Gee was burned to death in 1868, while attempting to rescue valuables from his burning house in Middlebury. His widow resides with her son, Leander, in that township.

LEANDER GEE was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, December 12, 1847, a son of Joseph Gee, and grandson of William Gee. He obtained a common school education, and has made farming his life vocation, now owning the homestead in Middlebury, which embraces 160 acres of well-improved land, located a short distance northeast of Keeneyville. He has devoted some attention to buying and selling live stock and wagons. April 24, 1872, Mr. Gee married Delia Leonard, a daughter of Justus and Nancy (Young) Leonard, of Farmington township. She was born May 26, 1855, and is the mother of two children, Leander L. and Ephraim S. They have also an adopted son, Frank Hoyt, whom they took when less than three years old, and legally adopted in July, 1895. Mrs. Gee and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, the family are Republicans, and are also connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. Gee has served one term as school director, and is one of the prominent and successful farmers of Middlebury.

NEWBURY CLOOS, youngest son of Newbury Cloos, Sr., was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, in 1827. He received a good common school education, and taught during his early manhood. He subsequently purchased a farm in Middlebury township, and for many years was one of the prominent and successful farmers of that locality. He married Cynthia Church, to which union were born eight children, viz: Amarilla, wife of Henry J. Shaff, of Middlebury township; Rhoda, wife of Hiram Kilbourne, of Wellsboro; Esther and Sophia, both deceased; Jane, widow of C. K. Palmer, of Middlebury; D. Wilmot and Julia, both deceased, and Luther N., a well-known physician of Keeneyville. Mr. Cloos died on his farm in Middlebury, February 22, 1875.

LUTHER NEWBURY CLOOS, physician and surgeon, Keeneyville, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, May 5, 1860, and is the youngest child of Newbury and Cynthia Cloos, and grandson of Newbury Cloos, Sr. He received his primary education in the district schools of his native township, and later attended the State Normal School, at Mansfield, where he completed his studies. He read medicine under Dr. Augustus Niles, and graduated at the Baltimore Medical College in the spring of 1893. He soon afterwards purchased the residence and practice of his preceptor, and enjoys a large and lucrative business. Dr. Cloos makes a specialty of the diseases of women and of the eye and ear, in which he has been highly successful. On May 1, 1884, he married Cora L. Hazlett, a daughter of

Amariah Hazlett, of Middlebury Center, and has one son, David Wilmot. Mrs. Cloos is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, Dr. Cloos is a Democrat, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. O. T. M., and the L. O. T. M., for all of which he is the local medical examiner.

ISAAC BRYANT, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Tioga county in 1850. His father, David Bryant, was one of the early settlers of the county. Isaac purchased the property in Middlebury township where his widow and son, James H., now reside, and followed farming up to September, 1863. He then enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, the famous Bucktail regiment. He was a brave and gallant soldier, was taken prisoner at the battle of the Wilderness, and died in Andersonville prison. His wife, Mary A., was a daughter of Henry Rogers, of Seneca county, New York. She was born October 7, 1819, and became the mother of six children, viz: Alonzo H., a farmer in Middlebury, who served in the Civil War; Melissa A., deceased; Albert T., also a soldier in the Rebellion, who died in Salisbury prison, South Carolina; Henry E., who served in the Union army, and has since died; Lizette J., who died in infancy, and James H., who cultivates the old homestead. Mrs. Bryant is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and one of the intelligent, helpful women of her neighborhood. She is very active in good works, and is well preserved for a person of her advanced years. Her husband and three of her sons went out in defense of the flag, and two of the four laid down their lives that this free government might live.

GEORGE WESTBROOK, a native of Chemung county, New York, born in 1808, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and settled on a farm near Tioga. Three years later he purchased a large farm in Middlebury township, a portion of which is now owned by the widow of Horace F. Westbrook. In 1867 he traded for a farm on Crooked creek, a half mile below Holiday, and later moved to Middlebury Center, thence to Wellsboro, and finally to Chatham township, where he died. He married Lovisa B. Taylor, born in Windsor county, Vermont, in 1808, who bore him a family of fifteen children, eight of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Polly, widow of Baitman Monroe, of Addison; Horace F., deceased; Ephraim, a resident of Mansfield; Jane, wife of Jason Prutsman, of Elmira; Stella, wife of Samuel Love, of Little Marsh; Benjamin, who lives in Mansfield; Hattie, wife of George Curran, of Knoxville, and James T., deceased. Mrs. Westbrook died October 18, 1887, aged seventy-nine years.

HORACE FREELAND WESTBROOK was born in Chemung county, New York, November 27, 1829, eldest son of George Westbrook. He lived with his parents until the family removed to Tioga county, when he purchased a half interest in the farm bought by his father in Middlebury township, where he was engaged in farming until the autumn of 1861. He then enlisted in Company F, Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and went to the front with the rank of orderly sergeant. He fought in every battle in which his regiment was engaged up to Malvern Hill, where he was killed, July 1, 1862. He married Rachel M. Prutsman, a daughter of Abram and Maria Prutsman, at Tioga, Tioga county, September 30, 1856. She was born at Tioga village, October 17, 1833, and bore him three children, viz: Willis H., who lives in Tioga; Edgar L., of Middlebury, and Ada B., wife of Otis L.

Coolidge, of Morris. Mrs. Westbrook resides on the old homestead. She is a member of the Presbyterian church.

EDGAR L. WESTBROOK, youngest son of Horace F. Westbrook, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, August 29, 1859, and obtained his education in the district schools and the Soldiers' Orphan School, at Mansfield. He has remained on the home farm, assisting his mother in its cultivation. On November 3, 1881, he married Helen H. Johnson, a daughter of Dennis and Hester (Bates) Johnson, of Sullivan county, New York, to which union have been born three children, viz: Mamie A., Nida L., and Clarence J., the last deceased. Mr. Westbrook is an independent voter and is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the K. O. T. M. societies.

JAMES E. ANDREWS, a native of Cayuga county, New York, and a son of Obed Andrews, was born February 16, 1799. His father was a native of the same county, and a well-to-do farmer. James E. was the oldest in a family of nine children, viz: James, Parmelia, Lansing, Ephraim, Hulda, Harrison, Sarah, Serena and Obed. He obtained a common school education, and followed farming in his native county up to 1855, in which year he came to Tioga county and purchased the present Andrews farm in Middlebury township. Here he resided until his death, September 22, 1871. He married Clarissa Weeks, February 7, 1822. She was born in Cayuga county, New York, February 7, 1802, and bore him eight children, viz: Gardner K., who died in September, 1892, aged sixty-eight years; Sarah J., who died on April 14, 1877, aged fifty-two years; Eliza E., who died on August 22, 1858, aged thirty-one years; Matthias A., who died in California in May, 1871, aged forty-two years; Dennis, a farmer in Middlebury township; Obed H., who died while a soldier in the Union army, November 19, 1861, aged twenty-eight years; Alfred A., a resident of Middlebury, and Liscomb L., who resides in the west. All of this family except Dennis and Liscomb were school teachers. Mrs. Andrews died September 7, 1880. She was a member of the Methodist church.

DENNIS ANDREWS, a son of James E. Andrews, was born in Venice, Cayuga county, New York, April 10, 1831, and received a common school education. When eighteen years old he commenced learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed in his native county until the removal of the family to this county in 1855. He joined his father in the purchase of the present homestead, off which he sold 100 acres in January, 1896, retaining seventy-five acres, and has since devoted his attention to farming and lumbering in connection with his trade. Mr. Andrews was married June 21, 1857, to Charlotte M. Cady, a daughter of Samuel A. Cady, who has borne him six children, viz: Francis S., a carpenter of Wellsboro; Gardner L., who also follows that trade in Wellsboro; Eddie P., and Flora A., both of whom died in infancy; Robert S., who lives on the home farm, and Grace L., at home. In politics, Mr. Andrews is a Democrat, and has filled the office of township assessor. He, wife and daughter, Grace, are members of the Patrons of Husbandry. His sons, Gardner L. and Robert S., are members of the K. O. T. M.

HIRAM WARREN was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts. He was a descendant of the brother of General Warren of Revolutionary fame, and his father was a soldier in the Continental army, and was wounded at Bunker Hill. Hiram Warren was reared in Herkimer county, New York, and came to Tioga county about 1838,

locating in Charleston township. He was a shoemaker, and followed his trade until his death. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Ludwig Hart, of Charleston township, and bore him ten children, viz: James, a farmer of Nelson township; Mary, wife of Coleman Furman, of Wellsboro; Sylvester, who died in infancy; Nancy, deceased wife of Andrew Teachman; Elijah, a resident of Charleston township; Philo S., a farmer of Middlebury; Solon S., who lives in Wellsboro; Martha, who died at the age of seven years; Alonzo, a farmer of Chatham, and George, a resident of Delmar.

PHILO S. WARREN, son of Hiram Warren, was born in Herkimer county, New York, September 30, 1835, and was three years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He was reared in Charleston township, and worked as a farm hand until he was twenty-one years old, when he moved on a farm in Chatham township owned by his wife, a part of his present property. In 1865 he purchased the land adjoining, which he now owns, and has devoted his attention to farming. He worked in the lumber woods during the winter seasons for many years, with the exception of four months that he was employed by the United States government in a construction corps during the Rebellion. On February 10, 1856, he married Anna M. Chamberlain, a daughter of Simon S. and Mercy (Keeney) Chamberlain. She was born December 6, 1833, and is the only living descendant of the Chamberlain family in Tioga county. Two children have been born to this union, viz: Jasper C., a Free Will Baptist minister, located at Keeneyville, and Bion S. Mr. and Mrs. Warren are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, he is a Republican.

BION SNYDER WARREN was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, December 25, 1859, and was educated in the district schools and the State Normal at Mansfield. He has remained upon the homestead farm, assisting in its cultivation. On July 13, 1881, he married Sarah J. Stewart, a daughter of Robert and Hannah (Ellison) Stewart, of Farmington township, and has three children, Earl M., Eppa M. and Pearl M. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Warren is a staunch Republican, and is connected with the I. O. O. F. society.

SIMON SNYDER CHAMBERLAIN was born in Belfast, Allegany county, New York, in 1804, a son of Calvin and Isabel (Ives) Chamberlain, and was reared there and in the Cowanesque valley. His father was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1771, the third son of Simon Chamberlain, one of three brothers who came from England to Roxbury, where he married a Miss Dodge and reared a family of four sons and five daughters. His mother was a daughter of Ambrose Ives, and a sister of Timothy, Titus and Benajah Ives, early settlers of Tioga. To Calvin and Isabel Chamberlain were born four children, viz: Chandler, Simon S., Ives and Deborah. The father came to the Cowanesque valley early in the century and spent the remaining years of his life in this part of the State, and New York state, dying in Middlebury township, at the home of his son, Simon S., in 1859, aged eighty-eight years. His wife died in Farmington township in 1834, aged seventy-one years. Simon S. came to Middlebury in 1824 and settled on Crooked creek, on land purchased from the Bingham estate. He married Mercy Keeney, a daughter of Deacon Thomas Keeney, a soldier of the War of 1812. Mr. Keeney settled in Middlebury in 1815. He married Anna Parshall, a daughter of Israel and Ruth Parshall, of

Chemung county, New York. They were charter members of the First Baptist church of Tioga, organized in 1816. To Simon S. and Mercy Chamberlain were born two children, viz: Anna M., wife of Philo S. Warren, and Snyder K., deceased. Mrs. Chamberlain died July 29, 1889, and her husband, March 14, 1891.

DWIGHT CUMMINGS, a native of Cayuga county, New York, born July 27, 1818, is a son of Gurdon and Abigail (Pettis) Cummings, natives of Connecticut, of Scotch-Irish extraction. He came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1856, and for one year rented a farm in Chatham township and the following two years worked a rented farm in Middlebury. He then purchased seventy acres of land in Middlebury, to which he has added until he now owns 250 acres of well-improved land. On November 6, 1845, he married Sally Wormer, who was born July 15, 1827. Five children were the fruits of this union, viz: Frances E., wife of John Hagen-camp, of Deerfield; Charles Gurdon, of Middlebury; Ellen J., wife of David French, of the same township; Burdett C., also a resident of Middlebury, and Abram W., a physician of Oswayo, Potter county. Mrs. Cummings died August 6, 1881. Politically, Mr. Cummings is a Republican, and is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

CHARLES GURDON CUMMINGS, eldest son of Dwight Cummings, was born in Cayuga county, New York, December 16, 1847. Coming to this county with his parents when about ten years of age, he worked on the homestead farm until his majority, and then began working in the lumber woods in the winter seasons, and on farms in summer time, which he followed six years. At the end of this period he rented a farm in Chatham township, stayed there one year, and then moved to the farm in Middlebury township which he now owns. He worked it on shares for five years, and in August, 1880, bought the property, which embraces 116 acres. He has since purchased 349 acres more in Middlebury, and thus owns 465 acres of land. He erected his present fine home in 1888, and is one of the successful farmers of his township. Mr. Cummings married Emma J. Button, a daughter of Ralph Button, of Middlebury, November 15, 1874. Eight children have been born to this union, viz: Claude G., Earl D., George B., Roy E., Ella J., Lee W., Kate M., and William C., the last of whom died in infancy. In politics, the family affiliates with the Republicans, and Mr. Cummings is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry. He is a good example of what energy and perseverance can accomplish. Twenty years ago he was working as a farm hand, while to-day he is one of the largest property owners and most substantial citizens of Middlebury township.

AMOS E. ROWLEY, inventor and cabinet maker, was born at Southampton, Massachusetts, January 4, 1825, a son of Chester and Rispa (Barnes) Rowley, natives of Massachusetts. His parents reared the following children: Horace, deceased; Mary, wife of Moses Thorpe, of California; Hayden, of Saginaw City, Michigan; Amos E., of Middlebury township; Elvira, wife of Henry Wells, of New Haven, Connecticut; Gensie, Lewis, Benjamin and James, all of whom reside in Connecticut. Amos E. learned the cabinet maker's trade in Massachusetts, and followed that business in the East up to 1859, when he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He settled at Keeneyville, and has since followed his trade in this county, with the exception of ten years spent in Wellsville, Corning and Sandy Hill, New York. He retired from active work in 1894, while a resident of Wellsboro, removing to his

farm in Middlebury township, where he devotes his attention to inventing, a business that has received a large portion of his time from early manhood. Among his principal inventions are the Rowley Car Coupler, the Rowley Power Mortising Chisel, which removes its own chips, the Rowley Bosom Board, the Rowley Weight Power, and the Rowley Rotating Churn Dash, all of which have been fairly successful. In 1844 he was married at Waterville, New York, to Ellen Tower, who bore him seven children, four of whom are living, viz: Alice, wife of Rev. Bain, of Edmeston, New York; Frank, a Methodist Episcopal minister, of Troupsburg, New York; Charles, a pattern maker of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Rose, wife of James Shaff, of Middlebury township. Mr. Rowley's second wife was Mrs. Mills, and his present wife, Mrs. Mary Brown, nee Shaff. In politics, he is an ardent Republican.

SYLVESTER E. ADAMY, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Brink) Adamy, was born in Schuyler county, New York, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1853. He located near Tioga, where he worked in a saw-mill three years, and then removed to Wisconsin. Five years later he returned to Tioga county and purchased a farm near Keeneyville, but continued working in saw-mills until his death, in 1873. He married Roxina Brown, a daughter of Nathaniel Brown. Eight children were the fruits of this union, viz: George R., a merchant of Niles Valley; Almira, wife of Abram Lyon; Daniel, a train dispatcher at St. Paul, Minnesota; Dewitt, deceased; Clara B., wife of Henry Sweet, of Middlebury; Catherine A., wife of Versal Ives, of the same township; Minnie A., wife of William Ellison, also a resident of Middlebury, and Abram L., a resident of Galeton, Potter county.

GEORGE R. ADAMY, merchant and proprietor of saw-mills at Niles Valley, is a native of New York state, born September 21, 1851. When twenty-one years old he went to Norfolk, Virginia, but returned to Tioga county one year later and found employment as an engineer in a saw-mill for three years. For the succeeding nine years he was engineer at the Niles Valley tannery, and later carried on the livery business in Elmira, New York. Returning to Niles Valley, he was foreman in the tannery four years. He then purchased his present home and mercantile business, which he has since successfully carried on, also operating a saw and shingle-mill. Besides his property at Niles Valley, he is the owner of a farm in Chatham township. Mr. Adamy was married July 25, 1875, to Mary A. Wedge, daughter of Samuel Wedge, of Niles Valley, and has six children, viz: May, Burt, Henry S., Georgianna, Louisa and Laura R. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. Adamy is a Republican, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

JACOB B. CONLEY was born at Lock, Cayuga county, New York, November 23, 1827. His father, Jacob Conley, was born in the same county about 1788, and died in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1884, while on a visit to his son. He was twice married and the father of fourteen children. His first wife, a Miss Howard, bore him twelve children, of whom Jacob B. was the fifth. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, whence he removed to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1854. He bought a farm in Chatham township, lived there up to 1860, then sold out and returned to New York. In 1865 he came back to this county and purchased a farm in Middlebury township, on the Chatham line, which he sold two years later and bought the present Conley farm of forty-one acres

in the spring of 1867. While working in the lumber woods, he was killed by a rolling log, December 22, 1867. His wife, Martha J., whom he married January 1, 1850, was a daughter of Jefferson and Sophronia (Henderson) Bowker. She was born January 29, 1832, and bore him four children, viz: Amelia, wife of Charles Corkins, of Colorado; Ermina M., who married Ira Briggs; Jefferson B., a farmer in Middlebury, and Sophronia, wife of Alvin Rice, of Charleston township. Mrs. Conley was again married in 1870, to Silas Staples, who died June 3, 1888. His widow now resides with her son, Jefferson B., in Middlebury township.

JEFFERSON B. CONLEY, only son of Jacob B. and Martha J. Conley, was born in Chatham township, Tioga county, September 1, 1865. When fifteen years of age he commenced working out as a farm hand, at which he continued for three years. He then returned to the homestead farm, and bought the property, on which he has since resided. For five years he farmed on a small scale and engaged in selling wagons and farming implements and running a threshing machine. In 1888 he bought what is known as the Ralph Button property. Six years later he also purchased the George Weller place, and commenced farming on a larger scale, keeping quite a large dairy. In 1894 he was burned out, sustaining a heavy loss, but the same year he rebuilt. Mr. Conley was married April 12, 1879, to Alice West, a daughter of Philander West, who has borne him four children, viz: Lola E., deceased; Martha J., Nina E., and Wand V. Mr. and Mrs. Conley are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also of the Patrons of Husbandry. Politically, he is an independent voter, and is connected with the K. O. T. M. society.

THOMAS COLEGROVE, a native of Rhode Island, born February 22, 1785, was a son of Oliver Colegrove, a grandson of Eli Colgrove, and a great-grandson of Francis Colegrove, who came from England about 1667, and located at Warwick, Rhode Island. Thomas came to Tioga county in 1841, and settled in Lawrence township, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, February 3, 1854. He was married in Rhode Island, to Polly Brightman, who bore him ten children, viz: Taber, Zachariah P., John N., Charlotte and Marilda, all of whom are dead; Willet S., a resident of Knoxville; Andrew J., who lives in Farmington; George T., of Middlebury; Henry B., a farmer in Lawrence township, and Aurilla, wife of Robert Babcock, of Lawrence. Mrs. Colegrove died in December, 1864, surviving her husband over ten years.

GEORGE THOMAS COLEGROVE was born in Troupsburg, New York, August 19, 1830, a son of Thomas and Polly Colegrove. He was eleven years old when his parents came to Tioga county, and he grew to manhood in Lawrence township. When twenty-three years of age he purchased land in Farmington township, lived there until 1865, and then bought a farm near Holiday, in Middlebury township, which he soon afterwards sold. In 1873 he bought his present farm of 145 acres, a part of which lies in Farmington township, and has since been engaged in cultivating it. In 1853 he married Clarissa E. Bradley, a daughter of Henry Bradley, of Farmington township. She was born July 27, 1837, and has borne him six children, viz: Eugene T., a farmer in Tioga township; Martha J., wife of Frank Lutz, of Middlebury; James E., who died September 18, 1887, aged twenty-seven years; Warren W., who lives in Steuben county, New York; Alma A., wife of Byron D. Paris, of Lawrence township, and Cora L., wife of Abram Ballman, of Middlebury.

Mrs. Colegrove is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Colegrove is a Republican, and a well-known, successful farmer.

GEORGE RUDE was born in Connecticut, in 1827, removed with his parents to Cayuga county, New York, when about two years of age, and there received a good education. He came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1853; remained eight years, and then returned to Cayuga county, New York. A few years later he returned to Tioga and purchased the present Rude farm in Middlebury township. Here he devoted his time and attention to agriculture for the succeeding thirty years, dying on the old homestead, April 17, 1893. He married Lucy A. Saxbury, a daughter of Adam Saxbury, of Chatham township, to which union were born four children, as follows: Abigail, wife of George Brimmer, of Osceola; Jonas, deceased; Orson, born July 7, 1859, and George, born May 7, 1869. Orson and George live upon the old homestead, which is owned by the latter. Their mother makes her home with them. They are engaged in the business of hay pressing, threshing, shingle sawing, wood cutting, and feed grinding, by steam power, own two large engines, and carry on a profitable trade. Both are adherents of the Republican party, and George is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

JOHN T. PURVIS, county surveyor, was born in Cumberland, Maine, June 10, 1822, a son of Adam and Ruth (Tibbets) Purvis, natives of Maine, and grandson of Adam Purvis, a native of Scotland. His father was a clothier, and died at Yarmouth, Maine, January 15, 1878, aged seventy-eight years. His mother died August 9, 1876, aged seventy-six years. They were the parents of eight children, viz: Andrew, deceased; John T., of Niles Valley; Julia, wife of Mr. Cobb, of Yarmouth, Maine; Susan, deceased; Ruthetta, wife of Andrew Leighton, of Yarmouth; and Anna, Jane and Mary, all of whom are dead. John T. received an academic education, graduating from Lewiston Falls Academy. He learned the cabinet maker's trade, and in 1842 went to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in lumbering two years. He then located on Pine creek, near the site of Ansonia, Tioga county, and carried on a large lumber business for nine years. He next removed to Sinnamahoning, Cameron county, as superintendent for Phelps, Dodge & Company, extensive lumber operators, which position he filled seven years. In the meantime he had studied the art of surveying, and the last year he spent with Phelps, Dodge & Company he was employed in that capacity. Removing to Wellsboro, Tioga county, Mr. Purvis formed a partnership with Calvin Kelly and opened a general store, which they carried on two years. In 1867 he located at Niles Valley, in Middlebury township, purchased his present residence, and erected a store building, in which he conducted the mercantile business up to 1885. He has been station agent at Niles Valley since the Fall Brook railroad was built, but has devoted a great deal of his time to surveying, and is at present filling the office of county surveyor. Mr. Purvis was married February 11, 1855, to Harriet E. Herrington, a daughter of Reuben Herrington, one of the early settlers on Pine creek, where Mrs. Purvis was born April 17, 1830. She is a member of the Presbyterian church. Politically, Mr. Purvis is a Democrat, is also a member of the F. & A. M., and is one of the prominent citizens of Middlebury.

AARON VANDERHOOF, a native of New Jersey, was born September 27, 1814, and grew to maturity in that State. He followed farming there up to 1867, when

he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased 103 acres of land in the western part of Middlebury township. Here he continued in agricultural pursuits until 1886, in which year he sold out to his son, George, and returned to New Jersey, where he died, February 25, 1893. His wife, Delila Wagner, was born in New Jersey, June 22, 1817, and reared five children, viz: Lydia A., wife of Theodore Paullison, of New Jersey; Susie, wife of John P. Lantz, of the same State; Ophelia, who died at the age of forty-three; Aaron, a farmer of Tioga township, and George, of Middlebury. Mrs. Vanderhoof is a resident of New Jersey.

GEORGE VANDERHOOF was born in Passaic county, New Jersey, October 25, 1852, youngest child of Aaron Vanderhoof. He came to this county with his parents in 1867, and worked on the home farm up to 1881. He then moved to Hammond, where he first rented and afterwards purchased a farm. Five years later he bought the old homestead, and soon after sold his farm at Hammond. In 1891 he purchased fifty-three acres adjoining the home farm, upon which he has lived for the past ten years, devoting his attention to agriculture. Mr. Vanderhoof married Mary D. Spaulding, a daughter of Sem P. Spaulding, in 1876. She was born June 17, 1851, and is the mother of the following children: Sem P., a resident of New Jersey; Mary E., John, Monroe H., Susie L., Clyde, Jennie M., who died in childhood; Dorothy, and one that died in infancy. Mrs. Vanderhoof is a member of the L. O. T. M., while her husband is connected with the K. O. T. M., and the P. of H. In politics, the family are adherents of the Republican party.

JOHN B. FARR, SR., a native of England, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1800, and finally settled on a farm in Sullivan township. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife, Lydia, was a native of Germany, and bore him the following children, viz: John B., William, Jacob, Josiah, Seely, a resident of Chemung county, New York; Czar, a resident of Jackson township; Polly, Lucy, Betsey and Lydia. Mr. Farr and wife died at the age of ninety-four and eighty-six years, respectively.

JOHN B. FARR, eldest child of John B. Farr, Sr., was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1804. In early life he was a mail carrier and stage driver, and later engaged in the saw-mill business. He married Caroline Ives, who bore him the following children, viz: Adelaide, Jacob, Isaac and Sarah J., all of whom are dead; Lydia A., wife of Charles Dimmick, of Tioga; Lafayette, of Middlebury; Juliette and Samuel, both deceased; Barney and Albert, residents of Elkland, and Allen, deceased. Mr. Farr died in 1860, and his wife in 1891, aged eighty years.

LAFAYETTE FARR was born at Seely Creek, New York, June 15, 1845, a son of John B. and Caroline Farr, and grandson of John B. Farr, Sr. In the autumn of 1863, when but eighteen years old, he enlisted in Company D, Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, and participated in the battles of Peach Bottom, Black Water, City Point, Johnson Farm, Ream's Station, Darbytown, Five Forks, Berksville Station, and was present at the surrender of Lee. He was discharged in September, 1865, at Philadelphia, and returned to his home in this county. He followed lumbering for a time, then learned the carpenter's trade, and finally engaged in farming, which has since been his occupation. He owns a farm of 115 acres near Hammond, which he has rented, and lives on the farm of A. C. Cole. Mr. Farr was married September 6, 1874, to Mary A. Reiger, and has two children, Jennie D. and Nida M. In poli-

tics, a Republican, he has served two terms as supervisor and one term as assistant assessor of his township. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the G. A. R. societies.

GEORGE W. PECKHAM was born in Middletown, Rhode Island, May 14, 1829, a son of Timothy and Zoa (Maxen) Peckham, natives of Rhode Island. His father, who died February 3, 1834, was a son of Philip Peckham, a soldier in the War of 1812, who owned and sold to the government the land on which Fort Adams stands, at Newport, Rhode Island. George W. is the fourth in a family of six children, viz: Cyrus, Sarah, Phoebe, George W., James, deceased, and Annie W. The mother died in 1879. The subject of this sketch received a common school education in his native town, and when nineteen years old went to Providence, where he learned the machinist's trade. He worked there up to 1859, and then went to Philadelphia and embarked in the printing business, but returned to Rhode Island two years later and engaged in farming. In 1881 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located on his present farm of 100 acres, then the property of Ezra Potter. Mr. Peckham married Matilda Potter, a daughter of Ezra and Eunice (Sweet) Potter, June 30, 1851. Nine children have been born to this marriage, as follows: Ida E., deceased wife of Charles Monroe, of Warren, Rhode Island; Zoa A., wife of R. A. Newman, of Bristol, same State; George E., proprietor of a book store in New York City; Albert S., mercantile agent of Brooklyn, New York; Josephine L., a trained nurse of New York City; Frank O., cashier and book-keeper in a wholesale grocery of New York; James S., deceased; William E., who lives at home, and Royal D., a merchant tailor of Wellsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Peckham are members of the First Baptist church, and the P. of H., and in politics, adherents of the Republican party.

LOUIS ALBERT POTTER was born at Albion, Orleans county, New York, October 11, 1837, a son of Dr. Stephen M. and Ann (Harding) Potter. Dr. Potter was born in Washington county, New York, in 1794, a son of Benjamin Potter, a sea captain. He studied medicine under Dr. H. P. Moore, of Manlius, New York, and commenced practice at Albion, whence he removed to Cazenovia, where he practiced his profession the greater part of his life. He served in the War of 1812, represented his county in the General Assembly in 1845, and was sheriff of Madison county, New York, three years. He was an ardent Democrat, a prominent physician, and a respected citizen. He died at Manlius, New York, October 4, 1885, aged ninety-one years. Dr. Potter was thrice married. His first wife, Polly Moore, bore him one daughter, Maria, deceased wife of John C. Remon, of Syracuse. His second wife, Hulda Collins, died without issue. His third wife, Ann Harding, was born at East Hampton, Connecticut, in August, 1810, a daughter of Daniel and Betsey Harding, and became the mother of eight children, six of whom died in infancy. The two surviving children are Louis A., of Middlebury township, and Charles L., who lives in Syracuse. Mrs. Dr. Potter died in 1892. Louis A. obtained a common school education, and adopted farming as his vocation. He first came to Tioga county in 1859, where he found employment with a lumber firm to scale logs and measure lumber. He settled permanently in this county in 1879, purchasing his present farm near Middlebury Center, to which he has since devoted his attention. In 1861 he married Julia A. Potter, a daughter of Henry H. and Malinda G. (Ste-

vens) Potter. She was born in Tioga in 1840, and has two sons, L. Clarence, a pattern maker, residing at Syracuse, and Jerome V., who lives with his parents. Politically, Mr. Potter is a staunch Democrat.

JAMES LEWIS BEERS, physician and surgeon, Holiday, was born at Danby, Tompkins county, New York, November 18, 1859. His parents, Andrew J. and Jemima (Rightmyer) Beers, were natives of New York state. His father was a wagonmaker, and died at Danby, February 23, 1891, aged sixty-six years. His mother died May 17, 1885, aged forty-five years. James L. was the eldest in a family of four children, the others being Fred. E., a resident of Ithaca, New York; Anna, wife of Elbert Hill, of Danby, and George A., of Holiday, Middlebury township. After graduating from the Danby High School, the subject of this sketch commenced the study of medicine under Dr. W. H. Fisher, of Spencer, New York, later attended lectures at University Medical College, New York, and graduated from that institution in March, 1882. He began practice at Freeville, Tompkins county, New York, removed one year later to Sayre, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, practiced there one year, and then located at Willseyville, New York, where he remained eighteen months. At the end of this time he went to Colorado, followed his profession there for a year and a half, and then returned to Pennsylvania. He located at Holidaytown, Tioga county, where he has since built up a lucrative practice. Dr. Beers has been twice married. His first marriage occurred April 6, 1882, to Allie Shepard, a daughter of Saloonious Shepard, of Spencer, New York, who bore him one daughter, Luella. His second marriage took place September 6, 1888, to Cora B. White, a daughter of M. G. White, of Holiday, Tioga county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics, a Republican.

WILLIAM T. COMPTON, a native of Ithaca, New York, and a son of John Compton, was born June 21, 1829, and learned the miller's and millwright's trades in his native State, which he followed there up to 1885. In that year he came to Tioga county, and with his son, Jesse, took charge of the Central Mills, at Holiday, at the mouth of Hill's creek, which he continued to operate until his death, July 6, 1890. Mr. Compton was a well-known and successful miller, and did a good business. On July 4, 1855, he married Jane Butcher, of Post Creek, New York, born December 30, 1832, to which union were born three children, viz: Robert A., who lives in Michigan; Luanna, wife of W. H. Hamilton, of Corning, and Jesse, of Holiday, Middlebury township. Mrs. Compton died June 30, 1880.

JESSE COMPTON, manager of the Central Mills, Holiday, Middlebury township, Tioga county, was born at Cuba, Allegany county, New York, August 9, 1860. When sixteen years of age he went to work with his father to learn the millwright and miller's trade, and has followed that business up to the present, having been connected with the Central Mills since coming to Tioga county, in 1885. Mr. Compton was married December 18, 1887, to Cora E. Lyon, a daughter of Henry Lyon, of Charleston township, to which union have been born five children, viz: Jane L., Alta M., Pearl L., William T., and Henry L. In politics, Mr. Compton is a Republican. Since taking charge of the Central Mills, he has built up a good trade and increased their reputation among the people of Tioga county.

LEMUEL JACKSON was a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, born in 1797, there grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in his

native county until the forties. He then came to Tioga county and settled on a farm near Osceola, removing a few years later into Middlebury township, and finally to Chatham, where he died in 1891. He was twice married. By his first wife there were seven children born to him, viz: Smith and Isaiah, both residents of Bradford county; Miner, who lives in Chatham township; George H., of Nelson, Pennsylvania; Nancy, wife of Abisha Woodward, of Iowa; Paulina, wife of Edward Shepard, of Bradford county, and Jane Ann., wife of Mordecai Schoonover, of Bradford county. His second wife was Sarah Jane Clark, a native of Bradford county, who bore him nine children, as follows: Esther, wife of Joseph Crippen, of Nebraska; Isabella, wife of Albert Saxbury, of Chatham township; Lemuel W., a resident of Clymer; James and Jerry, both of whom live in Middlebury; Martin V., of Charleston; General H., of Chatham; Amos, who lives at Academy Corners, and Flora, wife of Jefferson Chappel, of Deerfield. Mrs. Jackson resides with her daughter, Mrs. Saxbury, in Chatham township.

JERRY JACKSON was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, June 10, 1852, a son of Lemuel and Sarah Jane Jackson. He obtained a common school education, and on attaining his majority commenced learning the blacksmith's trade with M. L. Wilson, of Keeneyville, and has since worked at Mansfield, Holiday and Chatham Valley. In the spring of 1886 he removed from Chatham Valley to West Valley, where he has since built up a good business, making a specialty of horse-shoeing. In 1880 he married Kittie Niles, a daughter of Wallace Niles, and has three children, viz: Cleve Merton, Nellie Myrtle and Fahy Homer. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are members of the Free Baptist church, in which he has filled the office of deacon, and is at present one of the trustees. He is also a member of the K. O. T. M., and in politics, a Prohibitionist.

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP.

JOHN C. ROBB, a son of John Robb, was born in Muncy township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1809. His grandfather, Robert Robb, was an ensign in the French and Indian war, in 1758, and one of the first settlers of Muncy township. When about eleven years of age John C. came to Tioga county and lived for a time with Aaron Niles, at Niles Valley. He afterwards went to Lawrenceville and worked several years for Charles Ford. About 1831 he came into Farmington township, and soon after bought a farm, a part of the Bingham estate, in the Peter Mourey neighborhood, which had previously been occupied by a man named Compton, one of the first settlers of the township. Mr. Robb married Susan Locke, who became the mother of four children, viz: Rachel, deceased wife of Rev. Francis Rand, of West Berlin, Massachusetts; Levi R., deceased; Minerva, wife of Jeremiah E. Green, of Tioga, and James L., a resident of Wellsboro. Levi R. enlisted September 18, 1861, and was mustered in as sergeant of Company H, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers; re-enlisted January 1, 1864, and was promoted to second lieutenant January 24, 1865, and later to the rank of captain. He participated in many battles and engagements. In the Wilderness a part of his brigade was captured and marched off southward, but Lieutenant Robb determined to escape and broke for liberty. The guard fired on him and his clothes were pierced by thirty-two bullets, but he escaped safely and comparatively uninjured. Rejoining his regiment, he was mortally wounded at Fort Hell, in front of Peters-

burg, April 2, 1865, and died at City Point Hospital seven days later. John C. Robb remained on the homestead in Farmington until 1868, when he sold it to his son, James L., and removed to Tioga, where he died October 7, 1877. His wife survived until April 6, 1890, dying at the age of seventy-two years. In politics, he was a Democrat until 1860, when he became a Republican and voted for Abraham Lincoln. He served as a justice of the peace from 1840 to 1845, and as a county auditor from 1851 to 1854. In religion, he was a Presbyterian, and one of the organizers and leading members of the Presbyterian church of Farmington, in which body he served as an elder for many years.

WALTER VAN DUSEN, a native of Schoharie county, New York, settled in Farmington township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1835, where he cleared and improved a farm of 120 acres. In 1870 he removed to Wellsboro, and died there in April, 1879, at the age of eighty-six years. He married Betsey Thorne, and they were the parents of eleven children, viz: Hannah, who married Jonas Seely; John, Maria, who married Ansel Wright; Catherine, who married Franklin Russell; William, Polly, who married E. D. Fish; Milo, Ann, who married Robert Potter; Stephen, Andrew, and James, who was killed April 2, 1865, in front of Petersburg, Virginia, while serving in the Union army.

WILLIAM VAN DUSEN was born in Schoharie county, New York, January 8, 1822, and came with his parents, Walter and Betsey Van Dusen, to Farmington township, Tioga county, in 1835. On attaining his majority he purchased a tract of fifty acres in Farmington, for which he went in debt \$200, and before the principal was all paid, the interest amounted to \$108. He subsequently added to his original purchase until he owned ninety acres, which he sold. In 1863 he bought the Lemuel Cady homestead of 100 acres, and subsequently added thereto 100 acres more. A good share of the last tract he cleared and improved, and resided upon this farm until his death. Mr. Van Dusen married Emily Cady, a daughter of Lemuel and Ruth (Gleason) Cady, to which union were born four children, viz: Oscar A., Josephine, deceased; Frank and Fred, the last two being twins. In politics, he was a stanch Republican, and in religious belief, a Methodist. He held many of the local offices in Farmington, was highly respected in the community, where he spent nearly sixty years of his life, and always took an active part in public affairs.

FRANK VAN DUSEN, son of William Van Dusen, and grandson of Walter Van Dusen, was born in Farmington township, September 29, 1863. He was reared upon the old homestead, and obtained a good education in the public schools, and the State Normal School at Mansfield, and graduated at Allen's Business College, Elmira, New York, in 1884. He then entered the employ of the Fall Brook Railroad Company, as station agent at Harrison Valley, Potter county, remaining there one year. He was afterwards one of the keepers in the New York State Reformatory, at Elmira, which position he held nine months. In the autumn of 1887 he returned home, and taught one term of school. In 1888-89 he was constable of Farmington township, since which time he has been engaged in farming on the old homestead. It comprises 100 acres, and he also owns 107 acres known as the John Van Dusen farm. He is an ardent Republican, and during the session of 1892, he was door-keeper of the House at Harrisburg, and was a delegate to the state convention in the same city in 1894. On June 30, 1887, Mr. Van Dusen married Dell

Hall, a daughter of George M. and Sarah (Green) Hall, of Farmington, and has had two children, Gusta and Ruth, both deceased. Mr. Van Dusen is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also of the I. O. O. F. He is one of the enterprising citizens of his township.

ROBERT CASBEER, a son of William and Catherine (Jay) Casbeer, was born at Owego, Tioga county, New York, September 4, 1811, and was reared in Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, from the age of five years, in the family of Deacon Elihu Hill. On attaining manhood he worked Mr. Hill's farm five years, and for five years afterwards was engaged in farming in Woodhull, New York. In 1841 he settled in Farmington township, Tioga county, where he cleared and improved upwards of 300 acres of land, upon which he lived for many years, removing late in life to Osceola, and dying in 1892. His first wife was Susan House, and they were the parents of the following children: Ann, wife of Aaron E. Baker; Benjamin, deceased; Catherine J., wife of John R. Smith; Daniel E., Emily, wife of Jerome Spencer; Flora, wife of Benjamin Adams, and Gratia, wife of Fred Gaig. Mr. Casbeer was a man of positive character and decided views, and possessed a vigorous and energetic nature. He was ever ready to help the needy, often refusing to sell his farm produce for money, saying to the would-be purchaser, "You have money and can buy of others, while I have poor neighbors to whom I must sell and wait for my pay." His wife, Susan, was, in every sense of the word, a helpmeet. Brought up in an atmosphere of refinement, a school teacher before her marriage, and possessing a naturally self-reliant disposition, she was in every way qualified to help make a Christian home. She was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church. About two years after Mrs. Casbeer's death, Mr. Casbeer married for his second wife, Mrs. Maria Barker Fish, an estimable Christian woman, kind and efficient in all her ways. She survived him nearly two years. Mr. Casbeer was a member of the Presbyterian church, a sincere and consistent Christian, and did much to shape and mould the moral sentiment of the community in which he lived. He always took a prominent part in public affairs, and served as assessor of Farmington township seventeen successive terms. In politics, he was a Republican.

DANIEL E. CASBEER was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, February 23, 1852, and is the only surviving son of Robert and Susan Casbeer. He grew to manhood upon the old homestead, and was educated in the common schools and at the Osceola High School. Farming has been his life vocation, and he has lived on his present farm of 140 acres since 1877. Mr. Casbeer was married November 8, 1876, to Sarah Peters, a daughter of James E. and Priscilla (Smith) Peters, of Farmington township. Four children are the fruits of this union, viz: Bennie L., Fred D., Grace E. and Charlie R. Mr. Casbeer has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for twenty years, and is a trustee in the Pleasant Valley society. In politics he is a Republican, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., the P. of H., and K. S. F. I.

CARLOS HOUSE was born in Connecticut, November 8, 1812, son of Ansel and Nancy (Beel) House, early settlers of Farmington township. They located on the farm now occupied by W. C. House about 1830, and there spent the remaining years of their lives. Their children were as follows: Rockwell, Andrew, Carlos, and Eliza who married Daniel Mourey. Carlos assisted in clearing the old homestead, where

he resided until his death. He was instrumental in having a postoffice established at Farmington Center, of which he was the first incumbent, holding the office eight years. He was married October 3, 1853, to Adelia Lee—born July 28, 1824, in Milford, Otsego county, New York—a daughter of Barnes and Azubah (Sergrents) Lee, who bore him two sons, Willie C., and Clarence M., born May 8, 1855, and died in November, 1855. Mr. House died December 11, 1887.

WILLIE C. HOUSE, only living child of Carlos House, was born on the old homestead in Farmington township, Tioga county, December 15, 1857, and has spent his entire life upon the farm. He obtained a common school education, and has made farming his life vocation. On June 10, 1893, he married Bertha Dodge, born June 9, 1873, a daughter of Alpha W. and Mahala (Smith) Dodge, of Chatham township, and has two daughters, Helen L., born March 3, 1894, and Julia Zella, born September 24, 1895. Mr. House is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics, an adherent of the Democratic party.

ELISHA SOULE was born in Massachusetts, May 15, 1806, a son of Rowland and Mary (Phelps) Soule. In early life he removed to Truxton, Cortland county, New York, where he was married May 10, 1826, to Polly Colgrove, a daughter of William and Susannah (Brightman) Colgrove. She was born in Rhode Island, whence the family removed to New York state. Eleven children were the fruits of this union, viz: Cornelia S., wife of William P. Abbott, of Monroe county, Wisconsin; Sarah F., wife of James D. Abbott, of the same county; William L., who entered the United States service in March, 1863, and contracted typhoid fever, from which he died at his father's home in Farmington, October 2, following; Wesley V., a resident of Monroe county, Wisconsin; James R., who enlisted in Company H, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, in September, 1861, and served with his regiment until the battle of Spottsylvania, May 10, 1864, where he was killed; Catherine E., widow of J. D. Greenfield; Perry R., who enlisted in Company L, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, in March, 1862, served with his regiment until 1864, when he was taken prisoner and confined at Andersonville until December of the same year, when he was paroled and sent to Annapolis, Maryland, where he died, December 31, 1864; Amanda M., wife of George W. Bowen, of Farmington; Omar H., who enlisted in Company L, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, in February, 1864, and served until the close of the war, and is now a resident of Steuben county, New York; Julia A., deceased wife of Charles Baker, of Lawrence township, and Lelia L., wife of Henry J. Weltroth, of Williamsport. In 1830 Mr. Soule settled in Farmington township, Tioga county, removing a few years later into Middlebury township. About 1839 he located near Keeneyville, on the Griffin farm. After living there seven years he sold it and returned to Farmington. In 1849 he purchased the farm where his son-in-law, George W. Bowen, now lives, upon which he resided until his death. By sturdy industry he cleared and improved this property, erecting substantial buildings, and bringing the land to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Soule was a stanch Republican, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist church. He died April 5, 1871, and his wife, November 21, 1885.

GEORGE W. BOWEN was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, March 4, 1839, a son of David and Matilda (Winser) Bowen, formerly of Rhode Island.

From the age of two years he was reared in the family of Peter Mourey, of Farmington, with whom he remained working on the farm until his majority. On June 30, 1861, he married Amanda M. Soule, a daughter of Elisha and Polly Soule, to which union have been born seven children, viz: Stella F., Grant and Daisy, all of whom are dead; James R., a resident of Philadelphia; Wesley G., a resident of Corning; Votcott E. and Alfred. On September 2, 1864, Mr. Bowen enlisted in Company H, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served with his regiment until the close of the war. In August, 1865, he bought the Preston farm in Farmington township, where he lived until 1873, in which year he located upon his father-in-law's homestead, which has since been his place of residence. He also owns a home in Tioga. Mr. Bowen is a member of Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F., of Tioga, and both he and his wife are charter members of Fair View Grange, No. 817, of Farmington. In politics, he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen are members of Farmington Hill Presbyterian church.

HENRY SMITH, a native of Jasper, Steuben county, New York, was born January 29, 1812, and came to Nelson, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, before attaining his majority, where he worked by the month. After his marriage he settled in Nelson township permanently. In early manhood he engaged in lumbering, in which business he continued several years, and later followed agriculture, clearing and improving the farm now occupied by his son-in-law, Jerome L. Bosard, upon which he resided until his death, in January, 1894. He married Phoebe M. Cook, a daughter of John Cook, of Nelson, to which union were born seven children, viz: Willard, Priscilla, widow of James E. Peters; Elizabeth, wife of Charles R. Howland; Maria, wife of Harry Baxter; John R., Alice, wife of Jerome L. Bosard, and Frances, wife of Walter Pease. Mr. Smith was an ardent Republican, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN R. SMITH was born in Nelson township, Tioga county, January 8, 1848, and is a son of Henry Smith. He was reared in his native township, and was educated in the public schools and Union Academy. Since 1870 he has been engaged in farming in Farmington township. On December 23, 1868, he married Catherine, a daughter of Robert and Susan (House) Casbeer, of Farmington, and has four children, viz: Henry B., Lena E., Susan H., and Phoebe M. Politically, Mr. Smith is a Republican, and has served three years as constable and collector of his township. He is a member of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the P. of H. societies, and is one of the prominent farmers of this vicinity.

WILLIAM BAXTER, a native of Delaware county, New York, born in 1803, was a son of Nathan Baxter, a Revolutionary soldier, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1836. He settled in Nelson, where he engaged in the manufacture of furniture for several years, but later located on a farm in Farmington township, where he resided until his death. His wife, Rachel, was a daughter of James Paul, of Delaware county, New York, and bore him four children, viz: Sarah A., who married Myron A. Johnson; Alva, William H., and Adeline, who married Henry Mourey. Mr. Baxter was a Democrat, and though not a member of any church, was a regular attendant at the services of the Methodist Episcopal society.

ALVA BAXTER, eldest son of William Baxter, was born in Delaware county, New York, July 6, 1829, and came to Tioga county with his parents when about

seven years old. He attended the common schools of Nelson, and later learned the carpenter's trade, which he has followed more or less ever since. About 1862 he settled on the farm he now occupies in Farmington township, embracing 180 acres of land, the greater part of which he has cleared and improved. In 1855 he married Lorency Gleason, a daughter of Warren and Sarah A. (Treat) Gleason, of Farmington. Three children have been born to them, viz: Sarah A., Rachel, wife of Charles Davenport, and Edwin. Mr. Baxter is a Democrat, in politics, and has been assessor of Farmington several times. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the P. of H., and is one of the leading farmers of his township.

JULIUS A. PHELPS was born in New England, April 19, 1802. His parents, Oliver and Roxanna Phelps, natives of New England, were pioneers of Nelson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where both resided until their death. They had six children, viz: Lydia, who married Gershom Clark; Julius A., Gilbert, Oliver, George W., and Fidelia, who married Joseph White. The subject of this sketch settled in Mansfield, Tioga county, in early manhood, and was engaged in farming in that locality up to 1842, when he removed to Farmington township, to the farm now owned by his son, Warren. He cleared and improved this property, and resided on it until his death, January 2, 1883. His wife, Clarissa, was a daughter of Benjamin Worden, of Potter county, Pennsylvania, and bore him five children, as follows: Maria, who married Charles Webster; Caroline, who became the wife of Benjamin Powers; Wesley, Orilla, wife of Ambrose Place, and Warren.

WARREN PHELPS, youngest child of Julius A. Phelps, was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, October 9, 1838, and was reared on the old homestead in Farmington township. He attended the common schools of his district, and has lived upon his present farm, which was settled by his father, since he was three years old. February 24, 1858, he married Maria Teachman, a daughter of Abram and Louisa (Brimmer) Teachman, of Osceola. In politics, he is a Democrat, is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is one of the substantial farmers of his township.

REUBEN H. CLOSE was born at Locke, Cayuga county, New York, November 20, 1832, a son of Peter M. and Lucretia (Holmes) Close. He came with his parents to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled in the southeastern part of Farmington township, on the farm now occupied by E. W. Close. He remained at home until his majority, and for a few years after he was engaged in the nursery business at Elmira, New York. On September 15, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and soon after entering the service he was commissioned second lieutenant of that company. He was, however, taken sick and was honorably discharged for disability about a year later. Mr. Close was married February 16, 1864, to Esther O. Hurlbut, a daughter of Lyman and Caroline (Scoville) Hurlbut, of Lawrence township, to which union have been born the following children: Carrie H., wife of Frank M. Leonard, a lawyer of Wellsville, New York; Mary A., Randolph R., who died at the age of twenty-four; William E., Mead P., Fred, deceased, and one that died in infancy. Mr. Close was engaged in merchandising at Farmington Hill for a few years after the war, and later purchased a farm of 110 acres, where he has since resided, owning one of the best improved farms in the township. He devotes his whole attention to the cultivation and improvement of his land, and makes a specialty of fruit growing. He has served as a school

director for twenty-five years, being either secretary or treasurer of the board during this period, with the exception of one year, and has also filled the offices of assessor or assistant assessor for fifteen years and those of township clerk or treasurer for ten consecutive years. Mrs. Close is a member of Farmington Hill Presbyterian church. He is connected with the Masonic order, and is also a charter member of Wallace Bogart Post, No. 362, G. A. R., of Nelson.

JACOB B. DOAN was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1813, and was a son of Joshua Doan. He came from Scipio, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1841, and after drifting about the county for some years, finally settled in Chatham township, where he cleared and improved a farm, in the meantime working at the carpenter's trade. He died upon the homestead in 1887. His wife was Sally Churchill, and bore him seven children, viz: Andrew J., Elizabeth, who married Charles Lines; Eliza, wife of Nathan Bard; Sylvester, who married Polly Butler; Mary, wife of Albert Baker; Sally, wife of George Baker, and Jacob, who married Mary Owlett. Mr. Doan was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was originally an adherent of the Whig party, later a Republican, and finally an advocate of the Greenback doctrines.

ANDREW JACKSON DOAN was born in Scipio, New York, July 8, 1833, and came to Tioga county with his parents in 1841, where he has since lived. He learned the carpenter's trade, and followed that business for fifteen years. In 1868 he located in Farmington township, and since 1872 he has resided on the farm he now occupies, comprising 100 acres, the greater part of which he has cleared and improved. In 1857 he married Melissa E. Rowley, a daughter of Orlando and Jane Rowley, of Farmington, and has one daughter, Nellie R. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist; has been mercantile appraiser of Tioga county, and has served as justice of the peace four years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is one of Farmington's progressive citizens.

CHARLES BLANCHARD, SR., a native of New England, settled in Lawrence township, Tioga county, about 1802, a few years later removing to Lancaster county, and thence to Harrisburg, where he died. He was widely known as a contractor on public works, and in the construction of public roads, canals, etc., during the early years of the century. His wife was a Miss Bigelow, and they were the parents of the following children: Ebenezer, Duodatus, Sylvanus, Charles, Hopestill, Hannah, who married Samuel Snow; Abigail, who married Hosea Ballou; Esther, Aurilla, Ira and Lodema.

CHARLES BLANCHARD was born in Whitehall, New York, April 11, 1795, a son of Charles Blanchard, Sr., and came to Tioga county with his parents when about seven years of age. Before attaining his majority he assisted in clearing and improving the farm in Lawrence township upon which his father settled, and there lived the remaining years of his life, dying July 11, 1878. He married Lovina Hammond, a daughter of Josiah Hammond, of Elkland, who became the mother of nine children, viz: Oliver H., Hopestill, Rebecca A., wife of Chester B. Hoyt; Calphurnia, wife of William Phelps; Jane E., wife of J. L. Hurlbut; Charles, Emily, wife of M. Randolph; Myra and Lewis. Mr. Blanchard was one of the organizers of the Presbyterian church of Nelson, of which he was a deacon many years. -In

politics, he supported the Republican party. He was a man of strict temperance habits, and a member of the first temperance society organized in Tioga county.

OLIVER H. BLANCHARD, eldest child of Charles and Lovina Blanchard, was born in Lawrence township, Tioga county, March 4, 1822, and was reared to manhood on the old homestead. In 1850 he settled in Farmington township, and cut the first stick of timber on the farm he now occupies, and upon which he has lived for nearly half a century. Mr. Blanchard has been twice married. January 13, 1852, he married Emily J., daughter of Hopestill and Myra (Kirk) Blanchard, of Tioga county, who bore him five children, viz: Charles, deceased; Mary, wife of Dr. A. H. Forsythe; William P., Chester H. and Frank R. His second marriage occurred September 26, 1866, to Mary J. Mulford, a daughter of Benjamin S. and Rachel (Locke) Mulford, of Farmington, to which union have been born two children, Oliver B. and Charles R. Mr. Blanchard is a member of the Presbyterian church, and also of the I. O. O. F. In politics, a Republican, he was the first nominee of that party for the office of county treasurer of Tioga county, to which he was elected, and served a full term of two years.

CHARLES OUDERKIRK was born in Onondaga county, New York, September 10, 1816, a son of Nicholas and Catharine Ouderkirk, and came of Dutch ancestry. In 1844 he located in Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Farmington township in 1851, locating on the farm now occupied by his son, Linsford. This he cleared and improved, and erected all of the buildings. His wife, Ruby, was a daughter of Linsford and Mary (Taylor) Coates, pioneers of Elkland, who bore him four children, viz: Linsford, Kate, wife of Frank Tubbs; Morgan, and Diantha, wife of Frank L. Hood. Mr. Ouderkirk was a Republican, but took no active interest in public affairs. He died March 20, 1893, and his wife, Ruby, May 26, 1895. Both are buried in Highland cemetery, at Elkland.

LINSFORD OUDERKIRK, eldest son of Charles Ouderkirk, was born in Hector, Potter county, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1843, and was an infant when his parents came to Tioga county. He grew to manhood in this county, and obtained a good education in the Osceola High School and the State Normal School, at Mansfield. He has followed farming and teaching as his principal vocation, and has taught fall and winter terms for the past twenty years. Since 1851 he has lived upon the old homestead, which he now owns. In 1882 he was postal clerk on the Cowanesque division of the Fall Brook railroad. Politically, Mr. Ouderkirk is a Republican, and in religious belief, a close communion Baptist.

RHODES W. HALL was born in Hancock, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, May 8, 1823, a son of Reuben Hall. On August 22, 1851, he married Jane A. Knight, and in the spring of 1852 settled in Farmington township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and became a partner with his cousin, G. M. Hall, who still resides in that township. He purchased 100 acres of land of Hiram Merritt, which he cleared up. He then bought 100 acres of the Bingham estate. In 1872 he purchased from A. J. Fisk 186 acres and cleared 160 acres in one fallow. He died April 4, 1883. His wife, Jane A., was a daughter of Caleb Knight, of Rensselaer county, New York. She bore him six children, who grew to maturity, viz: Alpha, who died in 1874; Lyman, Emma, wife of Charles L. Beiver; Nettie, Anna, wife of G. L. Ashdown, and Jennie, wife of William Butler. Mrs. Hall died in September, 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Hall was an adherent of the Republican party.

LYMAN HALL was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, June 23, 1859, and is a son of Rhodes W. and a grandson of Reuben Hall, pioneers of the same township. He obtained a common school education, and learned the blacksmith's trade, subsequently spending several years in Colorado. He also followed farming on the old homestead for eight years, a part of which he now owns, but since 1892 he has conducted a blacksmith shop in Nelson. On December 4, 1883, Mr. Hall married Katie M., a daughter of Alanson and Esther (Young) Buckbee, pioneers of Farmington township, and has four children living: Alta, Floyd, Bennie and Philip. Mr. Hall is a Republican, in politics, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is connected with the I. O. O. F. and the K. O. T. M.

STEPHEN MARTIN, SR., was born in Richmond, Cheshire county, New Hampshire, in 1802, a son of Wilderness Martin, the first white child born in that town. His father was a farmer by occupation, and in religious belief, a Quaker. Stephen was reared in New Hampshire, and from 1826 to 1855 was a resident of Vermont. In the latter year he settled in Farmington township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until 1882. He then removed to Westfield, where he died in 1889. His wife, Esther, was a daughter of Reuben Bemis, of Springfield, Vermont, and bore him six children, viz: Amy, who married Zimri Allen; Ansel H., Almon P., Louisa, wife of John Felker; Reuben B. and Stephen. Mr. Martin was a supporter of the Republican party.

STEPHEN MARTIN, youngest child of Stephen Martin, Sr., was born in Barton, Orleans county, Vermont, July 21, 1835, there grew to manhood, and received an academical education. He came to Tioga county with his parents in 1855, and for twenty years taught school during the winter seasons and followed farming in the summer. He lived in Farmington township until 1882, when he removed to Westfield, which has since been his home. On March 26, 1864, Mr. Martin enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was in the engagements in front of Petersburg, and Weldon Railroad. In September, 1864, his regiment was ordered to Philadelphia, where it remained until May 11, 1865, when his company was sent to McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, on detached duty, and was mustered out of service August 8, 1865. Mr. Martin married Ann Smith, a daughter of Philemon and Mahala (Beach) Smith, of Chatham township, June 10, 1857. Six children are the fruits of this marriage, viz: Armenia, deceased; Lawrence S., Clarence E., Philip Sheridan, Ernest and Fred. Politically, Mr. Martin is a Republican, and is a member of the K. of H., and the G. A. R. societies.

LAWRENCE S. MARTIN, eldest son of Stephen Martin, was born in Farmington township, on the farm where he now resides, November 16, 1859. With the exception of twelve years, he has always lived on the old homestead. On November 1, 1882, he married Jane Owlett, a daughter of Gilbert and Sarah (Temple) Owlett, of Middlebury township. Mr. Martin is a staunch Republican, and is a member of the I. O. O. F.

LEWIS BEIVER was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1827, and served an apprenticeship to the tanner's trade at Jonestown, Pennsylvania. About 1849

he came to Nelson, Tioga county, where he was employed in the Blackwell tannery up to 1862. He then purchased a farm in Farmington township, now owned and occupied by his son, Charles L., which he partially cleared and improved, and there died in February, 1885. His wife, Eliza, was a daughter of Charles and Mary A. (Chandler) Lugg, of Farmington, and was the mother of three children, two of whom grew to maturity, viz: Mary D., wife of E. W. Close, and Charles L. Mr. Beaver served in the army during the Rebellion, as a member of Company H, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers. Politically, he was a Republican, was connected with the I. O. O. F. and K. of H. societies, and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

CHARLES L. BEIVER, son of Lewis Beaver, was born in Nelson, Tioga county, March 5, 1859, and grew to manhood in Farmington township. He obtained a good education in the common schools and State Normal School, Mansfield. In 1881-82 he was book-keeper for a mining company at Hillsboro, New Mexico, and the balance of his life has been spent on the old homestead, where he has prosecuted farming quite successfully. Mr. Beaver was married October 31, 1883, to Emma Hall, a daughter of Rhodes W. and Jane A. (Knight) Hall, of Farmington, and has two sons, Claude H. and Clyde A. In politics, he is a Republican, has held the office of school director in his township, and has been secretary of the school board for nine years. He is one of the most intelligent and progressive citizens of his township.

NELSON BOROUGH.

JOSEPH CAMPBELL, SR., a native of Scotland, came from the north of Ireland to Pennsylvania, in 1810, locating in what is now Nelson borough, Tioga county, on the farm now owned by his grandson, Joseph D. Campbell, where he resided until his death. His wife was Mary Harper, and their children were as follows: John, Sally, who married Samuel Hazlett; Jane, who married John Hazlett; William, who died young; Joseph, Elizabeth, who married Richard Ellison; James, and Mary, who married a Mr. Gibson. Mr. Campbell was a very strict Presbyterian, and it is said that in maple-sugar season he would turn over his sap-buckets on Saturday night, and would not permit any work to be performed on the Sabbath day, even forbidding the cooking of food for family use. In politics, he was a Democrat.

JOSEPH CAMPBELL, JR., son of Joseph Campbell, Sr., was born in Scotland in 1793, and came with his parents to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1810. He soon after took up 250 acres of land in Nelson township, upon which he resided until his death, in 1864. In 1822 he married Anne Clinch, a daughter of Thomas Clinch. She was born in England, and became the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, viz: William, Sally, who married Benjamin D. Congdon; Mary A., who married Allen Seely; Eleanor, who married M. D. Bosard; Elizabeth, who married Daniel H. Hughey; Phoebe, who married William Hoyt; Jane, who became the wife of George Tubbs; John H., Joseph D., Maria, wife of James Loop, and Julia, wife of Edward Selph. Mr. Campbell was a member of the Presbyterian church at Nelson, which he assisted in organizing, and was a deacon and elder in that body. Politically, he was a Republican.

JOHN H. CAMPBELL, son of Joseph Campbell, Jr., was born in Nelson town-

ship, Tioga county, January 12, 1836. He was educated in the common schools of his district, in the Wellsboro High School, and at Union Academy, and commenced his business life as a farmer in Farmington township. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was in the battles of Fort Steadman, Dutch Gap and Petersburg. In June, 1865, he was honorably discharged at Alexandria, Virginia. On his return home he engaged as a traveling salesman for a firm in Corning, New York, but since 1867 he has followed the general insurance business at Nelson. On February 10, 1858, Mr. Campbell married Calfurnia L. Bottum, a daughter of Nathan and Betsey (Lockwood) Bottum, of Tyrone, New York, and has two children, Adelbert E., and Luella B., wife of Philip E. Young. Mr. Campbell and wife are members of the Presbyterian church of Nelson, and he is connected with the I. O. O. F. In politics, he is a Republican, and has held various local offices.

ADELBERT E. CAMPBELL was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, December 19, 1859, and is the only son of John H. Campbell. He received a common school education, and engaged in the general insurance business with his father at Nelson, with whom he was in partnership five years. In 1886 he embarked in business for himself at Nelson, but removed to Elkland in the spring of 1891, where he conducted a successful insurance business until January 1, 1896, when he sold out and removed to Elmira, New York, where he is now engaged in the fire insurance business. On April 6, 1882, he married Carrie Sebring, a daughter of Siras and Almira (Fenno) Sebring, of Tyrone, New York, and has two children, J. Harvey and William S. In politics, Mr. Campbell is a Republican, and is recognized as an enterprising and progressive young business man.

JOSEPH D. CAMPBELL was born in Nelson, Tioga county, December 29, 1839, and is the youngest son of Joseph Campbell, Jr. He was educated in the public schools and Union Academy, and remained working on the old homestead farm until 1866. For the succeeding five years he was in the mercantile business at Nelson. From 1871 to 1876, he was in partnership with his brother, John H., in the general insurance business, but since the latter year he has been a member of the firm of J. Bottom & Company, of Nelson, wholesale and retail dealers in coal, grain, pressed hay, etc. From 1879 to 1881, this firm had a large commission house in New York City, and from 1880 to 1883 were the proprietors of a wholesale grain and feed store at Elkland, Tioga county. They were afterwards proprietors of a general flour and feed store at Harrison Valley, Potter county, where, in 1883, they erected a building suitable for carrying on that business. This firm took an active part in securing the right of way for, and in building the Cowanesque branch of the Fall Brook railroad, of which Mr. Campbell has been station agent at Nelson since 1879. He was married December 2, 1862, to Dolly Bottom, a daughter of Charles and Phoebe (Pierce) Bottom, to which union have been born three children, viz: Grace, wife of G. W. Buck, of Elmira; Myra and Phoebe, the last two of whom are dead. Politically, Mr. Campbell is a Republican, and in religious faith, an adherent of the Presbyterian church. He is a charter member of Nelson Lodge, I. O. O. F., has held most of the offices in Nelson borough, including justice of the peace for ten years, and has served two terms as burgess. He is a gentleman of commendable enterprise and

public spirit, and has done his full share towards promoting the best interests of the Cowanesque valley.

WALTER BOTTOM, formerly spelled "Bottum," was a native of Connecticut, and settled in Nelson, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1827. He built a mill and was engaged in lumbering for many years, dying there at the age of seventy-five. His wife was Dolly Clark, and their children were as follows: Eliza, who married Gilbert Phelps; Walter, Dolly, who married Leander Culver; Charles, Sally, who married William Clark; Nathan, and Sophronia, who became the wife of Jacob Brooks.

CHARLES BOTTOM, son of Walter Bottom, was a native of Connecticut, and came with his parents to Nelson township, Tioga county, in 1827. On attaining his majority he settled in Farmington township, where he cleared and improved one of the largest farms in the township, upon which he lived upwards of thirty-five years, and then removed to Nelson, which has since been his home. His wife, Phoebe, is a daughter of Cromwell Pierce, of Farmington township. They are the parents of five children, three of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Dolly, wife of Joseph D. Campbell; Jerome, and Rebecca, widow of Robert Lugg. Mr. Bottom has been a life-long member of the Presbyterian church, and has been a Republican since the organization of that party.

JEROME BOTTOM was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, January 21, 1842, and is the only son of Charles Bottom. He was reared on the old homestead, and attended the public schools of his district in boyhood, also assisting his parents in the duties of the farm. In 1861 he commenced buying and shipping stock, in which he continued for some years. Since 1876 he has been the senior member of the firm of J. Bottom & Company, wholesale and retail dealers in coal, grain, pressed hay, etc. Mr. Bottom has been in business at Nelson since 1870, and a resident of the town since 1879. He was prominent and active in securing the right of way for, and in the construction of the Fall Brook railroad, and in 1875 shipped the first car load of pressed hay over that road to New York City. January 8, 1861, he married Mary Redfield, a daughter of Joseph B. and Ann (Lee) Redfield, of Farmington township. Mr. Bottom is a staunch Republican, and is recognized as one of the public-spirited and substantial business men of the Cowanesque valley.

SAMUEL RATHBUN, a native of Massachusetts, was an early settler of Nelson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, locating on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Mariam Rathbun, widow of his oldest son, Henry. He cleared and improved this property, and continued to reside there until his death, in 1845, and was buried on the homestead, where all of the deceased members of the Rathbun family have been interred. His wife, Jane Vroman, who died March 18, 1876, was a native of the Mohawk valley, and bore him eleven children, named as follows: Henry, Mary, who married Henry Dinninny; Eliza, second wife of William Heysham; John, Susan, who married Philip Perkins; Betsey, first wife of William Heysham; Orsemus, who died December 7, 1896; Samuel, Thomas, Job and G. M. Dallas. Mr. Rathbun was one of the leading citizens of his day in the Cowanesque valley, and in addition to farming, he was associated with Joel Parkhurst, of Elkland, in the lumber business for some years. He assisted in clearing the land in Wellsboro whereon the present court house stands. In politics, he was a Democrat.

HENRY RATHBUN was born in Lawrenceville, Tioga county, March 6, 1816, and

was a son of Samuel Rathbun, who soon afterwards located in Nelson township, where Henry spent nearly all his life, engaged in farming. He married Mariam Owen, a daughter of Ambrose and Betsey (Wright) Owen, of Addison, New York, January 16, 1844, to which union were born nine children, who grew to maturity, named as follows: Rosetta, wife of Emory Bland; Elizabeth J., wife of Theodore Smith; Diantha, wife of John R. Mack; Lydia, wife of Frank Congdon; Julia, wife of William Cady; Cora, wife of Frank Rice; Tressa, deceased wife of William Rice; Carrie, wife of Herbert Dunning, and George Dell. Mr. Rathbun died August 19, 1871. He was an ardent Democrat, and served one term as treasurer of Tioga county. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and one of the most respected citizens of the community in which he lived.

JOB RATHBUN was born in Nelson township, Tioga county, March 18, 1841, and is a son of Samuel Rathbun. He grew to manhood upon the old homestead, and attended the common schools and Union Academy during his boyhood days. For many years he was engaged in farming in Nelson township, and spent nine years in the west, where he followed lumbering in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. He has been a resident of Elkland since 1889, where for three years he conducted a milk route, but since 1893 he has been in the lumber business. He still owns a farm in Nelson township. Mr. Rathbun was married March 7, 1869, to Susie Tubbs, a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Bowman) Tubbs, of Westfield, and has one son, Benjamin S. Mr. Rathbun is a member of the E. A. U., and in politics, an ardent Democrat.

GEORGE HENRY BAXTER was born in Tuscarora, Steuben county, New York, November 9, 1824, and is a son of Ira and Betsey (Manley) Baxter, and grandson of Rev. Aaron Baxter. The latter was born in Connecticut, in 1766, a son of Aaron Baxter, both of whom served in the War of the Revolution. Ira and his father removed from Connecticut to Schoharie county, New York, and subsequently to Chenango county, early in the present century. Ira afterwards settled in Steuben county, where for a number of years before his death, which occurred in 1838, he was a justice of the peace. George Henry Baxter was reared in his native town, and there received a common school education. In 1849 he located in Nelson, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in merchandising, which he followed the greater part of his time up to 1880. Mr. Baxter was twice married. In 1845 he married Clarissa Campbell, of Nelson. His second marriage occurred in 1850, to Clara Manley, a daughter of Thomas and Betsey (Wright) Manley, of Canton, Bradford county, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Charles Wright, was a Revolutionary soldier, and her father a soldier in the War of 1812. She bore him five children, viz: Nora, Tella F., Eva, wife of J. E. Hazlett; Susan, wife of M. F. Cass, and Calvin S. Politically, he was a Republican, was postmaster at Nelson from 1860 to 1880, associate judge of Tioga county from 1880 to 1885, and from 1889 to 1892 he filled the office of jury commissioner. Mr. Baxter was a member of the Presbyterian church, and belonged to the I. O. O. F. After giving up merchandising he engaged in farming, which he followed the latter years of his life.

CALVIN S. BAXTER, physician and surgeon, is a son of Judge George Henry and Clara (Manley) Baxter, and was born in Tuscarora, New York, October 8, 1860.

He was reared in Nelson, Tioga county, and was educated in the public schools and at the literary institute of Franklin, New York. In 1878 he commenced his medical studies with Dr. A. M. Loop, of Nelson, and graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1882. For five years he practiced his profession in Carbon county, Pennsylvania, locating in Nelson in 1887, where he has since devoted his attention to its active duties and is recognized as an able physician. Dr. Baxter has been twice married. His first wife was Hattie Elderkin, a daughter of David and Hattie (Robinson) Elderkin, of Franklin, New York, who bore him two children, Clara and Florence. His second wife was Mary A. Renton, a daughter of James and Mary (Whitney) Renton, of Elmira, New York. The Doctor is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, also of the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., and in politics, he is a Republican. Dr. Baxter lives on a part of the land settled and improved by his great grandfather, Rev. Aaron Baxter, whose wife, Abigail Webster, was a direct descendant of Gov. John Webster.

JEROME L. BOSARD was born in Osceola, Tioga county, May 29, 1849, and is the third son of Andrew Keller Bosard, and grandson of Andrew Bosard. He was reared upon the homestead farm and obtained his education in the Osceola High School. He learned the carpenter's trade with his father, which he has followed more or less since attaining his majority. With the exception of three years, from 1882 to 1885, that he spent in Dakota, he has been a resident of Nelson since 1871. Mr. Bosard was married May 9, 1871, to Alice M. Smith, a daughter of Henry and Phoebe M. (Cook) Smith, of Nelson, and has three children: Myra L., Andrew K. and Edith M. In politics, Mr. Bosard is a Republican, and in religion, a Presbyterian. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. O. T. M. societies.

CHARLES M. PRESTON was born in Steuben county, New York, March 8, 1853. His father, Aaron O. Preston, a native of Massachusetts, married Ann Olcott, and in 1857 located in Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he carried on a hotel for several years. He was the father of three children, viz: Charles M., William O. and Emma L. He died in Elkland in 1884, aged sixty-five years. Charles M. was about four years old when his parents came to Tioga county, where he grew to manhood. In the spring of 1880 he went to Dakota, where he spent nine years, and then returned to Tioga county. He has since devoted his attention to farming, and is one of the substantial farmers of Nelson township. Mr. Preston was married December 22, 1887, to Ellen Tubbs, a daughter of Philip and Betsey (Spencer) Tubbs, of Nelson, and has two children, Otis and Ernest. Politically, he is a Republican, and is at present serving as one of the school directors of Nelson.

WILLIAM B. STEVENS, physician and surgeon, was born at Campbell, Steuben county, New York, January 1, 1865, a son of Ralph and Margaret (Gilmore) Stevens, and is of English and Scotch extraction. He was reared in his native county, and there obtained a public school education. He entered a drug store at Campbell, New York, and served an apprenticeship of four years at that business. In 1884 he established a drug store at Elkland, Tioga county, which he carried on two years, and the following two years conducted a similar business at Harrison Valley, Potter county. In 1885 he began the study of medicine with Dr. M. R. Pritchard, of Harrison Valley, and in 1888 entered Jefferson Medical College, Phila-

delphia, where he graduated in April, 1891. He immediately located at Nelson, Tioga county, where he has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, and has built up a successful business. Dr. Stevens was married September 28, 1887, to Anna M. Gray, a daughter of Robert T. and Fannie (Brown) Gray, of Corning, New York, and has two daughters, Fannie L. and Margaret. He is an ardent Republican, and an earnest advocate of the principles and measures of that party. In religion, he is a Presbyterian, and is a member of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the K. O. T. M. societies.

REV. HALLOCK ARMSTRONG, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Nelson, was born in Minisink, Orange county, New York, October 31, 1823. His parents, James T. and Ruth (Hallock) Armstrong, were natives of Orange county, his father's ancestors being Scotch-Irish, and those of his mother early settlers of Connecticut. During the Revolutionary War his paternal grandfather was confined for several months on a British prison ship in New York harbor. His father, a farmer by occupation, removed to Sussex county, New Jersey, in 1830, and thence to Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, in 1838. In his old age he located in Binghamton, New York, where he died in March, 1884. His mother died in February, 1878, aged seventy-eight years. The subject of this sketch was the second in a family of five children, viz: Frances Maria, deceased wife of Simeon Hanchett; Hallock, of Nelson; Mary Elizabeth, who died in childhood; James Horace, a contractor and builder, of Binghamton; Albert D., an attorney at law, who died in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1886. Mr. Armstrong was educated in the public schools and at Lafayette College, graduating from the latter institution in 1848. He then took a course in Princeton Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1851, and then entered the ministry. He began preaching at Wilkes-Barre, where he preached and taught three years, and then went to Bethany, Genesee county, New York, and taught in the Presbyterian Academy two years, preaching at Portage. He next preached and taught six years at Laporte and Dushore, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, and served as county superintendent of schools in that county from 1858 to 1861. His next charge was at Monroetown, Bradford county, where he remained nineteen years, seventeen of which he spent in teaching, fourteen being passed in the same school room. In 1864 he was drafted into the army and mustered in as chaplain of the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteers, in which capacity he served nearly a year. In 1881 he went to Aspinwall, Bradford county, where he had charge of a congregation for ten years. In July, 1891, he became pastor of the church at Nelson, which position he has since filled acceptably. Mr. Armstrong was married on September 2, 1851, to Mary Bronson, of Harford, New York, a daughter of Rev. Edwin and Mary H. Bronson. Her father died in November, 1893, aged ninety-three; her mother resides with our subject, at the ripe age of eighty-eight. The following children were born to this union: Mary Frances, wife of Charles Myer, of Athens, Bradford county; Charles E., of Troy, Bradford county; A. A., a physician, of Fair Haven, New Jersey; Ruth Hallock; William C., a physician, of Redbank, New Jersey, and James Edwin, a resident of Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Armstrong is a Republican, in politics, and is connected with the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and G. A. R. societies. Since entering the ministry in 1851, he has lost but two

Sundays by reason of illness, and during the last thirty-four years has moved but twice. He is able and scholarly, and, notwithstanding his advanced years, an eloquent preacher.

ELKLAND BOROUGH.

LINTSFORD COATES, a native of Otsego county, New York, a son of Timothy and Content (Stuart) Coates, was of English and Scotch extraction. He settled at an early day in Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, cleared and improved a farm, and was quite extensively engaged in lumbering. He resided there until his death. He married Mary A. Taylor, of Tioga county, and they were the parents of the following children: Betsey, who married Perry Daily; Timothy, David, Mahala, who married Daniel Parks; Harriet, Ruby, who married Charles Ouderkirk; John, Diana, who married John Daily, and Morgan.

TIMOTHY COATES, second child and eldest son of Lintsford Coates, was born in Elkland, Tioga county, July 20, 1812. He there grew to manhood and cleared a farm within the present limits of Elkland borough. The homestead is now occupied by his widow and children. Mr. Coates was in the mercantile trade at Elkland for many years, and was also extensively engaged in lumbering. He married Almira B. Johnson, a daughter of Moses and Betsey (Cole) Johnson, of Wellsboro, November 11, 1850. Six children were the issue of this union, viz: Mary E., Timothy I., Lintsford M., Franklin N., Edwin W. and Eva L. Mr. Coates was an advocate of temperance in all things, and was a very worthy citizen. He died August 9, 1891, in the eightieth year of his age. In politics, he was a Democrat, and filled the offices of councilman and burgess of Elkland.

LINTSFORD M. COATES, son of Timothy Coates, was born in Elkland, Tioga county, February 5, 1856, and attended the public schools of that town in boyhood. In 1879 he embarked in the livery business, which he continued up to 1886. In that year he formed a partnership with his brother, Edwin W., under the firm name of E. & L. Coates, and engaged in the general hardware, agricultural implement and harness business, which they have since successfully carried on, doing the leading business in this line in Elkland. Mr. Coates was married in June, 1888, to Ann Taylor, a daughter of Philip S. Taylor, of Osceola, and has one son, Roy T. In politics, he is a Democrat.

EDWIN W. COATES, of the firm of E. & L. Coates, was born in Elkland, Tioga county, June 23, 1862, and is a son of Timothy Coates. He received a good common school education, and at the age of seventeen taught one term in Nelson township. In 1886 he became a member of the firm of E. & L. Coates, of Elkland, general hardware and implement dealers, with which he has since been connected. From 1885 to 1887, he was collector of taxes for Elkland borough. In politics, he is an adherent of the Democratic party.

JOEL PARKHURST was born at Marlborough, New Hampshire, April 8, 1800, and received a good English education. When seventeen years of age he came to Pennsylvania and located at Loyalsock, Lycoming county, where he taught a term of school during the winter season. The next winter he taught at Long Reach, near Williamsport, and then removed to the vicinity of Painted Post, New York. During the winter of 1822 he taught at Mansfield and studied medicine during his spare hours, his father and several brothers being physicians. Not liking the pro-

fession, he gave up his studies and entered the government employ as a surveyor. While on Lake Erie, en route to Michigan to fulfill this engagement, the steamboat carrying him and others was overtaken by a storm and compelled to put into Cleveland for repairs. This delay caused him to change his plans, and he walked to Steubenville, Ohio, carrying his baggage on his shoulder. Here he purchased a horse and saddle, intending to return to his home in Richmond, New Hampshire, which he did, after a short stay in Pittsburg. He clerked two years for a merchant in Richmond, accepting goods to the value of \$300 for his services. After buying a horse and wagon on credit, he loaded his goods and made his way to Mansfield, Pennsylvania, where his brother, Dr. Dexter Parkhurst, was engaged in the practice of medicine. This was in 1825. After remaining here a short time he went to Lawrenceville and there formed a mercantile partnership with his brother, Dr. Curtis Parkhurst. In 1828 this partnership was dissolved and he went to Elkland and entered into partnership with John Ryon and Robert Tubbs, whose interests he soon afterwards bought out, and continued the business alone. He was the second postmaster of the village and held the office several years. Mr. Parkhurst became the leading merchant of the Cowanesque valley, his business tact and ability enabling him to safely weather the panic and convulsions of 1837. Through the passing years he accumulated a large fortune and became one of the wealthy men of the northern tier. In 1867, in connection with John Parkhurst, he established the banking house of J. & J. Parkhurst, in Elkland, with which he was connected for several years. The Pattison National Bank of Elkland is the lineal successor of that institution. Mr. Parkhurst was also intimately identified with the principal manufacturing enterprises of Elkland during his business career, and did much to forward the growth and prosperity of the borough. Mr. Parkhurst was twice married. On November 16, 1835, he married Emeline R. Allen, at Cortland, New York. She was born in Bridgewater, New York, December 13, 1815, and bore him a family of eight children, as follows: Edward J., John C., Sarah M., Anna S., Mary, Frank, Curtis S. and Charles, all of whom died in childhood except Anna S., who became the wife of Charles L. Pattison. Mrs. Parkhurst died in Elkland October 29, 1854. On May 14, 1855, Mr. Parkhurst was again married at Lindley, New York, to Martha H. Steele, to which union were born two children, viz: Susan A., deceased wife of Rev. John B. Grier, and Benjamin H., of Elkland. Mr. Parkhurst died at his home in Elkland, December 6, 1884; his wife survived until February 17, 1889. In religion, he was a Presbyterian, and in politics, an active and influential supporter of the Republican party. He is one of the best remembered citizens of the Cowanesque valley, where he lived for more than half a century.

CHARLES L. PATTISON was born in Chestertown, Warren county, New York, February 16, 1841, a son of Thurman and Susan W. (Bishop) Pattison. In 1847 he removed with his parents to Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where his father was extensively engaged in the lumber business up to 1867. In that year Thurman Pattison removed to Lock Haven, Clinton county, where he continued the same business until 1872. He then retired from active life, and since 1882 he has been a resident of Wellsboro. To Thurman and Susan W. Pattison were born four children, viz: Orville, Charles L., Mary A. and John. The subject of this sketch was but six years of age when his parents came to Tioga county. He was reared in

Lawrenceville and there received an academical education. During his school days he occasionally assisted his father in rafting and lumbering. In August, 1860, he began clerking in the store of the Fall Brook Coal Company, at Fall Brook, in whose employ he remained ten years, two years of which time he was paymaster and four years cashier. On October 21, 1868, Mr. Pattison married Anna S. Parkhurst, a daughter of Joel and Emeline (Allen) Parkhurst, of Elkland, and in October, 1869, he came to Elkland and obtained a half interest in the banking house of J. & J. Parkhurst, the name of which was then changed to J. Parkhurst & Company. It continued until August 1, 1889, when the title was changed to C. L. Pattison & Company, and from June 20, 1890, up to his death, Mr. and Mrs. Pattison were sole proprietors. The bank was well and favorably known throughout the Cowanesque valley and transacted a large business. It was succeeded by the Pattison National Bank, June 2, 1896, so named in honor of the dead financier. Mr. Pattison was secretary and treasurer of the Cowanesque Valley Railroad Company, since absorbed by the Fall Brook Company, and the chief promoter of the enterprise. He also organized and was president of the Addison and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which completed the section from Addison to Westfield in ninety days and ran a train of cars between those points within that period. He was president of the Pennsylvania division of the road during the last twelve years of his life. Another of his enterprises was the Elkland Furniture Factory, which he established in 1883 and kept in operation until its destruction by fire ten years later. Mr. Pattison studied law and was admitted to the bar of Tioga county, September 7, 1888, but gave no attention to his profession aside from using his legal knowledge to avoid litigation and successfully guide and manage his many large and diversified interests. He was also a member of the bar association and one of its most liberal friends. He affiliated with the Democratic party up to 1890, since which year he was a Republican, though he took no active part in political affairs. He, however, served as burgess of Elkland from 1894 until his death, April 10, 1896.

The death of Mr. Pattison was a severe blow to the business interests of the Cowanesque valley, of which he was one of the foremost citizens. This sad event occurred at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, where he had gone with the hope of obtaining relief through a surgical operation for disease of the stomach, but died soon after the operation was performed. The bar, of which he was a member, passed appropriate resolutions on his demise, and several of his legal friends, including the court, spoke warm words of praise on his many excellent qualities as a business man, citizen and friend. Mr. Pattison was a kind-hearted, generous and upright man, courteous in his social relations, and thorough and practical in his business methods. The accuracy and rapidity with which he transacted business, his wonderful capacity for work, his quiet reserve and dignity, and his absolute truthfulness were among the strongest traits of his character. In his death the church and the school lost a liberal supporter and the poor a benevolent friend, to whom suffering humanity never appealed in vain.

Dr. Edward L. Wilson, of New York, an old personal friend, pays the following tribute to the memory of Mr. Pattison in the June number (1896) of Wilson's Photographic Magazine:

Mr. Pattison was the head of the banking firm of C. L. Pattison & Company, at Elkland, and was connected with many business enterprises in Tioga and Potter counties. He was an enthusiastic friend and patron of photography. Besides owning a fine camera and assisting others in the practice of our art, he was able, owing to his peculiar opportunities, to do more than usually falls to the lot of the busy man, to create food, so to speak, for the camera. His home was situated at Elkland, in the beautiful Cowanesque valley, a few rods from the picturesque river of the same Indian name, where lovely views of hill and valley appear on every side. Mr. Pattison, we say, did more than any one to bring about these sublime combinations of natural scenery. He came into this valley nearly fifty years ago from Chester, New York, with his father (one of the most prominent early settlers). Then the hills were covered with dense forests, and there were no thoroughfares along the Cowanesque. Since then the mines of coal have been developed; the woodsmen, the lumbermen, and the raftsmen have been and are gone; the forests have fallen; well-kept highways now zigzag along each side of the stream and wind over every hill. The rolling stock of two railways may be seen from any incline, ascending, descending, plunging through a valley lined by magnificent farms, the scene varied by many prosperous towns on the way. With the development of all this Charles L. Pattison had to do. His happy school-days were broken into occasionally by rafting experiences, many of which were related by him as we strolled together with the camera among the pictures which his industry and enterprise had helped to make. After serving a time as cashier of a great coal company, he in turn became operative farmer; manager of real estate; banker; a party to all sorts of enterprises; a member of the bar; a railroad president and a manufacturer. He never forgot the importance of keeping a photographic record of the many changes which contributed to making the valley of the Cowanesque prosperous and picturesque. He was a noble, warm-hearted, generous man. Prospered unusually, he took the unusual view that wealth was a blessing which should be used to assist others; and so it was his policy to keep his means employed in the development of the community in which he resided. Thus he brought much personal labor upon himself that he need not have undertaken; thus he became the great blessing he was to the people among whom he lived. So, it came about that those who best knew him, most loved him. His word was truth. No one ever thought of doubting what he said. He was manly and brave. One of his mottos (a legacy for all of us) was, "I never dread anything that I feel I ought to do." His passing away seems untimely; but as to that we may not judge. A great shadow hangs over all the pictures now; yet we may continue to gather sunshine and inspiration from his busy life.

ORVILLE PATTISON, president of the Pattison National Bank, of Elkland, Tioga county, was born in Chestertown, Warren county, New York, May 12, 1838, eldest son of Thurman and Susan W. Pattison. In the summer of 1847 he came with his parents to Lawrenceville, Tioga county, where he graduated from the public schools at the age of nineteen, and later took a course in the Bryant and Stratton Business College, Buffalo, New York. Returning home he clerked in a general store at Lawrenceville, and also had charge of the books, which he attended to in the evening after his day's work was done. In May, 1860, he entered the service of the Fall Brook Coal Company, in whose employ he remained more than twenty years. After spending two years at Fall Brook, he was promoted to the position of head book-keeper in the general office at Watkins, New York, where he continued until 1879, when because of failing health he was appointed agent of the company store at Antrim, Tioga county. In the spring of 1884 he located at Elkland and formed a partnership with his brother, Charles L., and engaged in the manufacture of furniture. He also assisted his brother in the private banking office of J. Parkhurst & Company. He continued in the furniture business until the factory was burned,

in January, 1893. In 1890 he entered the bank of C. L. Pattison & Company, of which institution he was cashier until the death of his brother necessitated a re-organization of the business. When the Pattison National Bank was organized, June 2, 1896, Mr. Pattison was elected president, a tribute to his financial ability and careful business methods. November 7, 1867, Mr. Pattison married Susie Bloore, daughter of Joshua and Catherine Bloore. Her father died at Waterford, New York, and her mother married Judge George C. Shearer. Her maternal grandfather was a surgeon in the United States navy, and his son was Rear Admiral John A. Livingstone, U. S. N. Mrs. Pattison is the mother of two sons, John Orville and Charles Lewis, twins. Mr. Pattison's early habits of industry and long association with careful business men have fitted him to fill the responsible position he now holds, and to continue the successful financial record established by his deceased brother.

GEORGE DORRANCE was born in Columbia, Tolland county, Connecticut, October 10, 1802, and was a son of George Gershom and Mary (Crocker) Dorrance, and grandson of Col. George Dorrance. The ancestor of the American branch of the Dorrance family, was Rev. Samuel Dorrance, a Presbyterian clergyman, who came from Ireland in 1723, and had charge of the congregation at Voluntown, Connecticut, upwards of forty years. His son, George Dorrance, was born at Voluntown, March 4, 1736, and became a lieutenant colonel of militia in the Connecticut Line. He was one of the principal officers under Col. Zebulon Butler in his operations against the British and their savage allies. Colonel Dorrance took a leading part in the battle of Wyoming, fought July 3, 1778, and distinguished himself by his great bravery. He fell severely wounded, was taken prisoner and brutally slain by his Indian captors the following day. As he was highest in rank of the victims of this terrible slaughter, known in history as the Wyoming Massacre, his name is at the head of those inscribed upon the monument erected at Wyoming in 1843, in commemoration of their courage and patriotism. In the spring of 1829, the subject of this sketch came to Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, then almost a wilderness, and purchased about sixty acres of land, containing a small clearing, erected a little frame house and began farming in true pioneer fashion. He soon afterwards commenced lumbering, and, as the country grew older, he gradually enlarged his operations, until he became one of the most extensive lumbermen in the Cowanesque valley. He was one of the most successful business men in the county, occupied a prominent position in its affairs, and stamped upon the business interests of the community the impress of his own high character. Mr. Dorrance continued to reside upon the old homestead, and, as the years rolled on, he made additions to his farm until he owned 320 acres of well-improved land. In place of the old house, he erected one of more commodious dimensions, which to-day will compare favorably with any farm residence in the valley. In August, 1832, he married Susan Hammond, a daughter of David and Polly (Tubbs) Hammond, who were among the first settlers of Elkland. Seven children blessed this union, viz: Lester, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Mary, Sarah, George G. and Charles. Throughout his life, Mr. Dorrance was a generous contributor to the support of all charities having for their object the relief of human suffering. He was honored and respected by all who knew him, and his purse-strings were ever open in assisting every good

work. He did no man intentional wrong, and his integrity and honesty were never questioned in the community where he spent the greater portion of his life. Politically, he was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and during the dark days of civil strife his influence was ever on the side of the Union. He contributed freely towards the payments of bounties of volunteers and the support of their families while they were absent in the field. Mr. Dorrance was a practical farmer, of liberal and advanced ideas, and the farmers of the county have missed his good example in the various improvements which have made the Cowanesque valley one of the garden-spots of the State. He died at his home in Elkland, June 13, 1881, and his remains rest in the new cemetery on the hillside, which his own hands helped to beautify and adorn.

HON. BENJAMIN DORRANCE, second son of George Dorrance, was born in Elkland, Tioga county, May 3, 1836. He was reared on the old homestead, and received his primary education in the district schools. He later attended Union Academy, Tioga county, and Alfred University, Allegany county, New York, entering the junior class of the latter institution at the age of eighteen, from which he was graduated at the age of twenty, having, in the meantime, taught two or three terms of public school. In 1856 the Republican party placed John C. Fremont in the field as its first presidential candidate, while James Buchanan was the choice of the Democratic party. The campaign resulted in the success of the Democracy. Although still in his minority, Mr. Dorrance took an active part in behalf of the new party, attended mass meetings and torchlight processions, and did his full share towards defraying the expenses. Until the day of his death, he remained true to his early convictions, though all the other members of his family were Democrats. After the close of his school years, he took charge of his father's extensive lumber interests, making frequent trips down the river on rafts to the various markets, and in the summer seasons assisting in the farm duties. In the early sixties he entered the copartnership with J. G. Parkhurst and David Dunbar, in the mercantile business at Elkland, with whom he was associated until 1872, when the firm was dissolved. He then embarked in the drug business at Elkland, which he carried on five years. In 1877 he entered the political field as the Republican candidate for the legislature to fill out the unexpired term of Hon. Hugh Young. After a hard and spirited contest he received the nomination, which was ratified at the November election by a rousing majority. In the summer of 1878, he was a candidate for re-election, for a full term of two years. His party conceded him the nomination by acclamation, and in November following he was elected by an increased majority. The next session of the legislature was a lengthy and exhaustive one, and just before its close he was compelled to abandon his post on account of failing health. His disease being of a pulmonary character, he went to Colorado, where he spent nearly a year, seeking in vain for the restoration of his health. The winter and spring of 1880 was spent in the south, with the same futile result, and he arrived home in June, 1880. Here he spent the summer, and in the autumn went to Elmira, New York, for medical treatment, but science and skill were unable to cope with his disease, and he died in his rooms at Elmira, June 26, 1881. By strict attention to his business, and honorable dealing, he accumulated a competency of this world's goods, which he judiciously disposed of by will ere he died. His

death occurred while he was yet in the prime of manhood, with a future of great promise; but he had lived to good purpose, and his mission was already fulfilled according to the measure of his years.

GEORGE GERSHOM DORRANCE, third son of George Dorrance, was born on the old homestead in Elkland township, Tioga county, September 21, 1849, and has spent his entire life in his native place. He obtained a good common school education, and has devoted his attention to farming. On February 5, 1890, he married Carrie Bulkley, a daughter of Charles and Mariette (Perry) Bulkley, of Osceola, and has two children: Susan Mariette and George. Mr. Dorrance is one of the progressive and enterprising farmers of Elkland. Like his father, he has always been a Democrat, and has filled various local offices, including that of Burgess of Elkland one term, and assessor and councilman about fifteen years each. In 1890 he was nominated by his party for the legislature, and ran far ahead of the ticket, thus proving his popularity among the people of his native county.

ASAHEL WRIGHT was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1789, and was a son of George and Betsey (Post) Wright. When quite young he removed to Greene county, New York, where he learned the miller's trade, and later owned and operated a mill there. In 1844 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, locating in Farmington township, where he cleared and improved a farm of 100 acres, during which period he also followed his vocation of miller in Lawrenceville and Nelson. After getting his farm in good shape, he sold it and went to Minnesota, where he invested his money in mortgages. After remaining there a number of years, he returned to Tioga county, and resided in Nelson until his death, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, Temperance Jones, was born at Saybrook, Connecticut, in 1789, and was a relative of John Paul Jones of Revolutionary fame. She became the mother of nine children, viz: Cordelia A., who married David Stevens; Washington R., Oscar F., Charles B., Chauncey P., William W., Almira A., wife of Alonzo Lee; Omar H. and Judson P.

WILLIAM W. WRIGHT, physician and surgeon, was born in Cairo, Greene county, New York, March 31, 1830, and is a son of Asahel and Temperance Wright. He came to Tioga county with his parents in 1844, and was educated in the High Schools of Wellsboro, Tioga county, and Tompkins county, New York. In 1848 he began the study of medicine with Dr. Nelson Packer, of Wellsboro, attended lectures at Geneva Medical College, Geneva, New York, and was graduated in the class of 1849-50. In the latter year he commenced practice at Elkland, Tioga county, where, with the exception of four years' residence at Nelson, he has continued in the active duties of his profession for the past forty-seven years. Dr. Wright has been twice married. His first wife, Alice, was a daughter of David and Polly (Tubbs) Hammond, of Elkland; while his second wife was Agnes A. Whitney, of Ohio. He was a member of the old Tioga County Medical Society during its existence, and has always been an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

JOHN T. WOOD was born in Otsego county, New York, in 1797, and in 1836 settled in Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he cleared and improved a farm, on which he resided until 1868. In that year he removed to what is now the State of South Dakota, where he died June 9, 1871. He was a son of Amos and Ruth Wood, of Otsego county, New York, and came of Quaker ancestry. His wife,

Phoebe, was a daughter of John T. and Betsey (Dartt) Benedict, formerly of Norwich, Connecticut, who settled in Otsego county, New York, in 1816. Eight children were born to them, viz: Eleazer, Edgar, Bligh, Robert T., Ruth, who married Samuel Hitchcock, Bucklin, Levantia, wife of George W. Benedict, and Lester.

COL. ROBERT T. WOOD was born in Laurens township, Otsego county, New York, February 2, 1830, and is a son of John T. Wood. He was educated at Millville Academy, Orleans county, and Wilson College, Niagara county, New York. In 1850 he began the study of law with Hon. James Lowrey, of Wellsboro, Tioga county, and was admitted to the bar in 1853, and to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1869. With the exception of six years spent in what is now South Dakota, and the time he was in the army, he has continued to practice his profession at Elkland since his admission to the bar. In August, 1861, he raised Company L, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and went to the front as captain of his company. On October 4, 1862, he resigned his commission, by reason of disability. But not contented to remain idle while the Nation's life was in danger, he re-enlisted, July 6, 1864, raised Company H, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and again went to the front as captain of that company. On March 25, 1865, he was promoted to the rank of major, and was mustered out of service June 7, 1865, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was wounded in front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865. For six years he was district attorney of Bon Homme county, in what is now South Dakota. On December 10, 1851, he married Mary E. Culver, a daughter of Leander and Dolly (Bottum) Culver, of Elkland, and has two children, Leander and Jennie. Colonel Wood is a staunch Republican, was clerk in the House of Representatives in 1869, 1870 and 1871, and has always taken a deep interest in the success of his party. He has been commander of J. Edgar Parkhurst Post, No. 581, G. A. R., of Elkland, five successive terms, and is a member of the Masonic order and the I. O. O. F. In religious faith he adheres to the Presbyterian church.

LEWIS W. FENTON was born in Woodhull, Steuben county, New York, June 23, 1846, a son of Lewis and Jemima (Rowley) Fenton, and is of American and English descent. Until eleven years of age he resided with his mother, and came to Elkland, Tioga county, in 1858, where he worked for his board, clothes and schooling four years. On October 27, 1861, he enlisted in Company L, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, served until the fall of 1863, and then re-enlisted as a veteran in the same company and regiment. He was promoted to corporal in the spring of 1864, and June 28, 1865, was honorably discharged, after three years and ten months' service. He was taken prisoner by Mosby's command, near Fairfax Court House, Virginia, in 1864, and after six days detention was paroled. He took part in all the important engagements of his regiment, and was a good and brave soldier. After his discharge he returned to Elkland, and was employed on a farm as a teamster four years. In 1869 he went to Scranton, where for two years he was employed as a brakeman on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. Since 1871 he has been a permanent resident of Elkland, and for fourteen years was engaged in the livery business. Mr. Fenton was married June 4, 1878, to Sarah Case, a daughter of William John Case, of Tompkins county, New York, and has one son, Lewis Raymond. Mrs. Fenton died March 13, 1896. On October 4, 1896, he married Mrs. Lottie Rockwell, nee Earl. In politics, he is a Republican, and has been

a member of the borough council of Elkland three years, and constable twenty-four years. He is a member of J. Edgar Parkhurst Post, No. 581, G. A. R.; the I. O. O. F., the K. O. T. M., and the K. of H. societies.

WINDSOR GLEASON was born in Warren, Washington county, Vermont, August 26, 1827, and is a son of Windsor and Sophia (Clark) Gleason. He was reared in his native county until eighteen years of age, and attended the district schools of his neighborhood. In 1845 he located at Chester, New Hampshire, remaining there about five years, when he removed to Massachusetts, where he was engaged in farming until 1863. In November of that year he enlisted in the First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and participated in all the battles of the Wilderness Campaign. He was wounded near North Anna, Virginia, May 27, 1864, and was honorably discharged from the service in June, 1865. The same year he removed to Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1888, when he was elected a justice of the peace, to which office he was re-elected in 1893. On July 4, 1850, Mr Gleason married Mary Angelia Powers, a daughter of David Powers, of Hardwick, Worcester county, Massachusetts. Mrs. Gleason was born in Richmond, New Hampshire, February 16, 1829. Of the six children born to this union, three are living, viz: Eugene H., Fred D., and Lottie L., wife of Morgan Ouderkirk. The mother died at her home in Elkland, March 30, 1897, dying, as she had lived, a faithful, consistent Christian. Mr. Gleason is an elder in the Presbyterian church of Elkland, and is a member of the G. A. R., the K. of H., and the E. A. U. societies. Politically, he is a stanch Republican.

EUGENE H. GLEASON, eldest son of Windsor Gleason, was born in Petersham, Massachusetts, October 1, 1851, and was fourteen years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He obtained a good common school education, and since attaining his majority he has been engaged in lumbering, merchandising, dealing in real estate, and contracting and building. On December 27, 1873, he married Mary Cady, a daughter of Chester and Catherine (Baxter) Cady, of Farmington township, and has one child, Pearl M. Mr. Gleason is a Republican, in politics, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

SAMUEL PERRY BABCOCK was born in Otsego county, New York, May 9, 1805, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1838, remaining one year at Lawrenceville. In 1840 he settled in Farmington township, where he had purchased 125 acres of land, and there made his home until his death, in 1878. He was twice married. His first wife, Maxamilla Tallman, became the mother of three children, viz: Lucretia, wife of Charles Weeks; Robert, and Hester A., wife of Luther Bradley. His second wife was Mary Ann Canniff, a daughter of William Canniff, of Broome county, New York. Ten children were born to this union, as follows: William, Oliver Perry, Juliaett, wife of Floyd Wiley; Buell R., Mercy J., Mary E., wife of J. D. Seely; Ann E., wife of Job Bronson; Eva, wife of Evelyn Shaw; Dolly, and Samuel R. Mr. Babcock was a Democrat, in politics, and in religion, a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

OLIVER PERRY BABCOCK was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, February 7, 1840, and is a son of Samuel Perry and Mary Ann (Canniff) Babcock. He was reared in his native township, there obtained a common school education, and began his business life as a farmer on the old homestead. In September, 1862, he en-

listed in Company A, One Hundred and Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, and went into the war as second sergeant of his company. He participated in several skirmishes and minor engagements, and was honorably discharged in March, 1863. In September, 1864, he joined Company H, Two Hundred and Seventh regiment, was promoted to first sergeant, and served in the battles of Fort Steadman and Petersburg. He was wounded in the latter engagement; was sent to the hospital, and was honorably discharged from the service June 5, 1865. On his return home he purchased a farm in Woodhull, Steuben county, New York, lived there three years, and in 1869 bought his present homestead in Elkland borough, containing 150 acres, upon which he has since resided. Mr. Babcock has been twice married. On July 5, 1863, he married Mary Davenport, a daughter of Lemuel and Polly (Boardman) Davenport, of Elkland, who became the mother of two children, Charles L. and Oliver Perry. His second wife was Kate Johnson, a daughter of Newton and Elizabeth (Tipple) Johnson, of Wellsboro. Politically, Mr. Babcock is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and also of the G. A. R., and I. O. O. F. societies.

CHARLES LEVI BABCOCK, eldest child of Oliver Perry and Mary (Davenport) Babcock, was born in Elkland, Tioga county, April 21, 1864, and there grew to manhood. He was educated in the public schools and State Normal School, Mansfield, and graduated at Lowell's Business College, Binghamton, New York, in 1882. He then began clerking in the general store of R. K. Skinner, of Elkland, where he was employed five years. In 1887 he engaged in the general mercantile business at Nelson, which he successfully conducted until the fall of 1896, when he was elected by the Republican voters to the office of register and recorder, which position he now occupies. Mr. Babcock was married October 21, 1885, to Mae Bell Skinner, a daughter of Richard K. and Ellen (Baker) Skinner, of Elkland. Three children have been born to them, viz: Portia, who died at the age of thirteen months; Genevieve, and Richard O. During his residence in Nelson, Mr. Babcock was the leading merchant and was well known as a gentleman of enterprise and public spirit. A stanch Republican, he has served the party in various official capacities. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, also of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the K. O. T. M. societies.

JOSEPH CORNELIUS was born in Hampshire, England, May 4, 1815, and was a son of George and Mary Cornelius. He learned the tanner's trade in his native land, and immigrated to the United States in 1854, settling in Graysville, Herkimer county, New York, where he was superintendent of a tannery for ten years. In 1864 he removed to Aldenville, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, where he was superintendent of a tannery until 1873. In the fall of that year he located at Elkland, Tioga county, purchasing the Elkland tannery, which he enlarged from time to time to accommodate his increasing business, and conducted it with gratifying success until the autumn of 1893, when he retired from active business life, and died in Elkland, November 15, 1895. On August 6, 1853, he married Eliza J. Taylor, a daughter of John and Jane Taylor, of Hampshire, England, who survived him one month, dying December 12, 1895. Eleven children were born to this union, as follows: Alice E., wife of John H. Brock; Florence, wife of William Brock; Mary J., Fannie E., wife of Eugene G. Webb; Frank M., William T., George S., Byron G., Charles

H., Carrie B., wife of Fred T. Smith, and Thorne. Mr. Cornelius was a member of the Elkland Methodist Episcopal church, and the most liberal contributor towards the erection of the present church building. In politics, a Republican, he was one of the leading citizens of his adopted home and a prominent factor in the growth and development of Elkland.

FRANK M. CORNELIUS was born in Graysville, Herkimer county, New York, December 10, 1860, and is a son of Joseph and Eliza J. (Taylor) Cornelius, natives of England. He was reared in Wayne and Tioga counties, Pennsylvania, received a good education, and later began clerking in his father's tannery office in Elkland. In 1881-83 he was employed as book-keeper and assistant cashier in the banking house of Joel Parkhurst & Company, of Elkland. In the fall of 1883 he took the management of his father's tannery, and acted in that capacity until 1891, when he engaged in the wholesale lumber business, which he continued until May, 1893. He then became connected with the tannery interests of Proctor, Hunt & Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, as their agent and manager at Elkland, a position he still occupies. Mr. Cornelius was married September 26, 1888, to Myra Edwards, a daughter of Jacob C. and Ada (Carter) Edwards, of Elkland, and has three children, Guy E., Alice Margaret and Joseph. Both he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Elkland, and he was chairman of the building committee in the construction of the Methodist church in that borough. He was one of the organizers of the I. O. O. F. lodge in Elkland, and has always taken a deep interest in that society. Mr. Cornelius is an ardent Republican, and has filled nearly all of the local offices of Elkland borough.

ELIJAH SMITH came from Delaware county, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and followed the miller's trade in this county up to his death, in February, 1858, aged fifty-one years. He was caught in the machinery at the Davenport mill, in Elkland, and was so badly injured that he died within an hour. For three years prior to his death he had resided at Osceola. He married Maria A. Romaine, who bore him three children, viz: Diantha C., wife of John Tubbs; Augustus and Eugene B.

AUGUSTUS SMITH was born in Franklin, Delaware county, New York, June 27, 1838, and is a son of Elijah Smith. He was but two years old when his parents came to Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood, and was educated in the public schools and Union Academy. He commenced clerking at Osceola in a general store, and later carried on the mercantile business there several years. Since July, 1883, he has been the agent at Osceola for the Addison and Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Smith was married April 30, 1863, to Helen Taylor, a daughter of Col. Philip and Sally (Ryon) Taylor, of Osceola, and has two children, Eva L. and Fred T. In politics, he is a Republican.

FRED T. SMITH was born in Osceola, Tioga county, January 27, 1870, and is a son of Augustus Smith, and grandson of Elijah Smith. He was reared in his native town until sixteen years of age, and then located at Knoxville as telegraph operator for the Addison and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which position he filled six months. In June, 1887, he came to Elkland, where he held the position of railroad agent for the same company until January, 1894. In 1890 he engaged in the wholesale lumber business, in which he still continues, and since May,

1894, has also been sales agent for the lumber interests of C. L. Pattison. Mr. Smith was married November 12, 1890, to Carrie B. Cornelius, a daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Taylor) Cornelius, of Elkland, and has one son, Clayton C. In politics, he is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Presbyterian church, and is also connected with the I. O. O. F. He is one of the enterprising young business men of Elkland, and gives a hearty support to every worthy project.

ROBERT P. McCANN was born in Bath, Steuben county, New York, August 16, 1847, a son of Jacob and Phoebe (Gregory) McCann. His paternal grandfather, John McCann, was a native of Ireland, while his maternal grandfather, Stephen Gregory, was from Connecticut, and a pioneer of Steuben county, New York. His father, Jacob McCann, was a native of Chemung county, New York, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. During the Rebellion, he served in Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-first New York Volunteers, and was wounded in the side by a shell in the Red River campaign. After three years' service, he was honorably discharged, and died in 1873, from the effects of his wounds. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, was educated in the common schools, and from thirteen years of age was employed on a farm. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-ninth New York Volunteers, and took part in the battle of Five Forks and other engagements. He was promoted to orderly sergeant in February, 1865, and the following May was mustered out with his regiment at Washington, D. C. After his return home, he learned the brick mason's and plasterer's trades, which he followed fifteen years. Since 1872 he has been a resident of Elkland, Tioga county, where he engaged in the general insurance business in 1889, which he still continues. In July, 1894, he was appointed postmaster of Elkland, which office he still occupies. In 1866, Mr. McCann married Mrs. Mary E. Strong, daughter of John E. Shott, of Waterloo, New York. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and also of the I. O. O. F., and the G. A. R. In politics, he is a Democrat, and served five years as justice of the peace of Elkland.

JOSEPH C. DULSO was born at Waterloo, Seneca county, New York, January 21, 1858, a son of Nicholas and Katherine E. (Ester) Dulso, and is of French and German descent. His father was a soldier in the Union army during the Rebellion, and died in the hospital at Newberne, North Carolina, in 1864, from yellow fever. Our subject was reared in his native town, and there obtained a public school education. He served an apprenticeship of over three years at the barber's trade, in Seneca Falls, New York, and in 1875 he located at Elkland, Tioga county, where he embarked in business for himself. At that time he was the only barber in the Cowanesque valley, between Lawrenceville and the Potter county line. For the past twenty years he has continued to carry on the same business at Elkland, and has accumulated a competence. In 1893 he erected a substantial brick building for business purposes, fitted up with all modern improvements, including bath rooms. The building is conspicuous for its beauty, and would attract attention in a much larger town than Elkland, being no doubt the finest barber shop in Tioga county. Mr. Dulso was married May 27, 1877, to Sarah J. Cunningham, a daughter of John and Margaret Cunningham, of Campbell, Steuben county, New York, and has two children, Katie and Annie. In politics, Mr. Dulso is a Democrat, and in religious

belief, a Catholic. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and one of the enterprising citizens of the borough.

JOEL CHAMBERLAIN was born in Maryland, Otsego county, New York, in 1795, a son of Elisha and Deborah (Holdridge) Chamberlain, natives of New England and pioneers of Otsego county. In 1840 he came with his family to Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he cleared and improved a farm, subsequently removing to Farmington township, where he died at the residence of his son, Henry, February 1, 1869, in his seventy-fourth year. His wife, Eleanor, was a daughter of Henry Waite, of Otsego county, New York, and died in Chatham township, June 26, 1879, in her seventy-seventh year. Their children were as follows: David W., Henry E., Jonathan Ed., Martha A., who married Eli Beard; Sally D., who married Oscar Clark; William, Eleanor, who married Frank Andrews; Joel, and Esther M., who married Samuel Kendrick. Mr. Chamberlain was a member of the Christian church, while his wife was a Presbyterian. In politics, he supported the Republican party, and was a member of the Masonic order.

HENRY ELISHA CHAMBERLAIN, son of Joel Chamberlain, was born in Maryland, Otsego county, New York, March 14, 1827, and came to Chatham township with his parents when about thirteen years old. He assisted his father to clear the old homestead, and after his marriage, in 1849, he settled on a farm of fifty-five acres in Chatham, which he subsequently sold and purchased 105 acres in the same township, twenty of which he cleared. In 1882 he removed to Elkland borough, where he resided until his death, June 2, 1895. On April 8, 1849, he married Maria Gleason, a daughter of Nelson and Esther (Taylor) Gleason, whose paternal and maternal grandfathers, Paul Gleason and Ebenezer Taylor, were pioneers of Tioga county. Four children were born to this union, three of whom survive, viz: Sarah M., wife of Truman E. Pierce; George E., and Dora A., wife of E. A. Howland. On September 13, 1864, Mr. Chamberlain enlisted in Company C, Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, was transferred to the One Hundred and Ninety-ninth regiment, and took part in the battles of Hatcher's Run, Clover Hill, Appomattox and Petersburg, and was honorably discharged, June 28, 1865. In religion, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, a Republican. He was connected with the G. A. R., and was a worthy, patriotic citizen.

LEMUEL CADY, a native of Connecticut, settled in Osceola, Tioga county, about 1810. In 1812 he removed to Farmington township and purchased 200 acres of land, which he soon afterwards sold and returned to Osceola. He was a carpenter, and worked at his trade up to 1823 in Osceola, when he bought 100 acres in Farmington adjoining his original purchase. He cleared and improved this property and resided upon it many years. In later life he removed to Iowa, and died in that State at the age of eighty-four years. He married Ruth Gleason, of Connecticut, who bore him eleven children, viz: Chester, Abner, Lemuel, William, Simeon, Selina, who married I. D. Foote; Polly, who married Lucius Daly; Emma, who married William Van Dusen; George, Charles and Erastus. In religion, Mr. Cady was an adherent of the Christian church, and in politics, a Republican.

SIMEON CADY, fourth son of Lemuel and Ruth Cady, was born in Osceola, Tioga county, January 27, 1822, was reared in Farmington township, and attended the common schools in boyhood. He made farming his life vocation, first clearing

up fifty acres in Farmington, which he later exchanged for 156 acres in the same township. This he also cleared and improved, and owned it at the time of his death. He resided on his farm until 1886, when he removed to Elkland, and died in that borough, March 10, 1896, in his seventy-fifth year. Mr. Cady was married May 24, 1843, to Jemima Baxter, a daughter of John and Phoebe Baxter, of Farmington township, who bore him a family of six children, as follows: Melvin, deceased, who married Elizabeth Edwards; Edwin, who married Addie Upton; Marietta, wife of Ira Keeney; Marcus, who married Ella Beard; Milton, who married Lillian Shelly, and John, who married Bertha Bolt. Mrs. Cady died January 23, 1894. Mr. Cady was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church half a century, and in politics, an adherent of the Republican party. His life was an example of honesty and industry, as well as kindly charity towards his fellowmen.

GEORGE C. SIGNOR, proprietor of the Hotel Signor, was born at Kingston, Ulster county, New York, February 15, 1858, and is a son of Capt. David A. and Sarah M. (DeBell) Signor. His paternal grandfather, Jacob I. Signor, son of David Abiel Signor, was a prominent citizen of Ulster county, of which at one time he was sheriff. His paternal grandmother was Catherine Hasbrouck. His maternal grandparents, Daniel and Phoebe A. (Fairchild) DeBell, were also residents of Ulster county, New York. Our subject was reared in that State, and was educated in the Ithaca public schools and the State Normal School, at Cortland, graduating from the latter institution in 1875. After leaving school he studied law for a year and a half, for the purpose of fitting himself for business. He next spent three years in Kansas, as overseer and manager of a large cattle ranch. In 1880 he located at Knoxville, Tioga county, where he conducted the Eagle House for one year. The following three years he spent in Virginia, in the real estate business, and in 1884 purchased the National Hotel at Corning, New York, which he conducted one year. He then sold out and bought the Westlake Hotel, at Addison, New York, which he carried on one year, and then sold it. In 1886 he purchased the hotel property in Elkland, Tioga county, since known as the Hotel Signor. Here he has built up a successful business, and conducts one of the model hotels of the Cowanesque valley. Mr. Signor was married September 8, 1880, to Etta Ray, a daughter of Nelson G. and Hattie (Howland) Ray, of Knoxville, Pennsylvania, and has one son, Ray. In politics, he is a staunch Democrat, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of H., and the S. F. I.

ASA CRANDALL, a native of Rhode Island, was one of the first settlers of Covington, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the manufacture of furniture a number of years. He was of Scotch descent, his ancestors being members of the Clan McCannan. His wife, Matilda, was a daughter of Captain Saunders, an Englishman, who was lost at sea while on a whaling expedition. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall were the parents of the following children: John, Eliza, who married George Backus; Mary, who married George Frink; Asa, Artemesia, who married a Mr. Booth; Sarah, who married Deacon Kinney; Hannah, who married Chauncy Johnson, and Charles M. Mr. Crandall and wife were members of the Baptist church, and in politics, he was a Whig. He died in Covington about 1850, and is there buried.

CHARLES M. CRANDALL, youngest son of Asa and Matilda (Saunders) Crandall,

was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1834, and was reared in Tioga county. In early life he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Indiana, but during the war, he returned east and located at Montrose, Susquehanna county, where he was engaged in the manufacture of toys and novelties from 1861 to 1883. In the latter year he removed to Waverly, New York, where he has since carried on the same business. Mr. Crandall has been twice married. His first wife was Susan, a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Wilcox) Kress, of Bradford county. Her grandfather was an expert silversmith, and stole his passage to America because of an English law prohibiting silversmiths leaving that country. Four children were born to this union, viz: Fred W., Benjamin J., Jesse M. and Fannie. His second wife was Annie F. Austin, a daughter of Dana Austin, of Montrose, Pennsylvania, who bore him five children, viz: Bessie, Charlie, Florence, Mable and Dorothea. Mr. Crandall is an adherent of the Republican party, and in religion, a member of the Presbyterian church.

FRED W. CRANDALL, eldest child of Charles M. and Susan (Kress) Crandall, was born at Laporte, Indiana, March 29, 1855. When six years old he removed with his parents to Montrose, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public schools, and at the State Normal School, Millersville, and when fifteen years of age he entered his father's factory at Montrose. He served as manager for two years, and on attaining his majority he took entire charge of the factory under contract, occupying that position until 1880. A stock company was then organized, with a capital stock of \$100,000, our subject taking one-fourth of the amount. He continued as manager of the manufacturing branch of the business up to 1883, when the stock company was wound up, Mr. Crandall purchasing the business and continuing it under the firm name of F. W. Crandall & Company, until August 26, 1886. On that date the plant was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$40,000. Two weeks later he resumed business in rented rooms, using power from the agricultural works at that place, and in January, 1887, he removed to Elkland, Tioga county, purchasing the plant of the Elkland Chair Company. He has since added substantial buildings to accommodate his increasing business in the manufacture of toys and novelties, and gives employment to from fifty to seventy-five hands, doing an annual business of \$30,000. He has also been engaged in lumbering since 1894, and is one of the enterprising and substantial citizens of the borough. Mr. Crandall was married at Montrose, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1876, to Augusta A. Seymour, a daughter of James and Ann E. (Howell) Seymour. They are the parents of four children, viz: Susie K., Mary H., Fannie M. and Helen A. Mrs. Crandall died March 14, 1893. Politically, he is a Republican, has served on the school board and common council of Elkland, and is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church.

CLARK B. BAILEY, a son of Clark W. and Vesta (Judd) Bailey, and grandson of Roswell Bailey, a pioneer of Charleston township, Tioga county, was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, September 30, 1851. When he was five years of age his parents removed to Mansfield, where he obtained his education at the State Normal School. In 1884 he purchased a foundry plant at Knoxville, which was burned in 1888, and in January, 1890, he erected a plant at Elkland. This was burned in December following, and he immediately rebuilt in 1891, which he

still owns, but leases. From August, 1893, up to March, 1896, he operated the Elkland Basket Works, of which he was four-fifths owner, and gave employment to seventy-five hands. On the latter date he sold to the Davidge Manufacturing Company, in which he is a stockholder, and the works were removed to Coudersport, Potter county. Mr. Bailey is general agent for the McCormick Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, for the sale of their machines in Tioga and adjoining counties, which position he has held since 1888. He has built up an extensive business, increasing his sales from twelve machines the first year to 300 in 1895. On March 15, 1882, Mr. Bailey married Nettie Bixby, a daughter of Gilbert H. and Louisa Bixby, of Waverly, New York. They are the parents of four children: Roy J., Clara V., Gertrude B. and Harold C. Mr. Bailey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, is a Republican.

PROF. MARION F. CASS, principal of the Elkland public schools, was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1850, a son of Willard and Esther (Cass) Cass, both natives of New Hampshire, and of Scotch extraction. His parents settled in Farmington township about 1847, where his father resided until his death in 1894. Marion F. was reared on the old homestead until thirteen years of age, when he went to Elkland and entered the employ of Joel Parkhurst, with whom he remained three years. He then returned to Farmington, and worked on a farm in summer, while he taught school during the winter seasons, for several years. He graduated at the State Normal School, Mansfield, in 1872, and subsequently taught six years at Nelson and three years at Lawrenceville. He was county superintendent of schools for nine successive years, and filled the office with credit and ability. In 1890 he was principal of the Elkland public schools, and since 1891 he has filled the same position, being to-day one of the most popular teachers in the county. Professor Cass was married May 17, 1876, to Susan M. Baxter, a daughter of G. Henry and Clara (Manley) Baxter, of Nelson township, and has two children, George W. and Eva E. In politics, he is a Republican, and is a member of the Presbyterian church, also of the F. & A. M., and the I. O. O. F.

CARL E. BAILEY was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1865, and is a son of Robert B. and Julia (Hager) Bailey, a sketch of whom appears in this work. He was educated in the public schools of his native township and at Charleston High School. In 1882 he went to Herkimer county, New York, continuing there for nearly seven years, during which period he learned his present business. In 1889 he located at Elkland, Tioga county, where he purchased a meat market, and has since successfully carried on a wholesale and retail business, the leading business of the kind in this vicinity. He also owns and operates the largest cold storage plant in Tioga county, and is the proprietor of the only ice business in Elkland. Mr. Bailey was married April 22, 1891, to Viola Cross, a daughter of Nathan and Adelia (Smith) Cross, of Little Falls, New York. In politics, he is a Republican, and in religion, both he and wife are members of the Presbyterian church. He is also connected with Elkland Lodge, No. 800, I. O. O. F., and is one of the progressive young business men of that borough.

JOHN WAKELY (originally spelled "Waklee"), born in Otsego county, New York, in 1796, was a son of John and Elizabeth (Cummings) Wakely, pioneers of Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. In 1827 he removed to Brookfield town-

ship, where he cleared and improved a farm of 136 acres. In the spring of 1864 he sold out and removed to Troupsburg, New York, where he died March 28, of that year, aged sixty-eight. He was twice married. His first wife, Dinah, was a daughter of Rufus and Mary Cook, of Otsego county, New York, and became the mother of six children. His second wife was Mary A. Murdock. During his residence in Deerfield township, Mr. Wakely served as constable for several years, and for twelve years he was a justice of the peace in Brookfield township. In 1837 he was elected sheriff of Tioga county, which office he filled for three years. In 1841 he was elected to the legislature and served in that body with marked ability. Mr. Wakely was a member of the Masonic order, and also of the I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM O. WAKELY, son of John and Mary A. (Murdock) Wakely, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, June 5, 1840, and was educated in the common schools and Union Academy. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, was slightly wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, and after nine months' service was honorably discharged. In 1864 he re-enlisted in Company D, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. For twelve years afterwards he dealt in horses, during which time he resided in Westfield, and from 1882 to 1884, he followed the same business in Wisconsin. Since that time he has been employed as a salesman of agricultural implements in Tioga county and vicinity, his residence being at Elkland since April, 1894. Mr. Wakely has been twice married. His first wife, Mrs. Kate Secord, was a daughter of John Losey, of West Pike, Potter county, Pennsylvania, who left one son by her former husband, Sheridan J. Secord. His second wife was Cassie Sherwood, a daughter of Orrin and Lucy A. (Seely) Sherwood, of Brookfield township. Mr. Wakely is a member of the G. A. R., and in politics, an adherent of the Republican party.

CHARLES SANDBACH, son of William and Catherine Sandbach, was born in Prussia, Germany, April 13, 1842, and immigrated to New York City in 1850. He there learned and followed the occupation of a feeder of cylinder presses. In 1864 he married Maria Wiesner, of that city, and the same year located in Germania, Potter county, Pennsylvania, where he became the proprietor of the Germania Hotel, which he conducted until 1880. In 1881 he purchased the Baldwin House, at Wellsboro, Tioga county, changed the name to the Sandbach House, thoroughly refitted and refurnished it, and has since successfully carried it on. Mr. Sandbach and wife are the parents of five children, viz: Robert W., Richard E., Emily M., wife of Dr. F. L. Dolbeare, of Brooklyn, New York; Martha and Elsa. In politics, Mr. Sandbach is a Democrat, and is a member of the Masonic order.

RICHARD E. SANDBACH, second son of Charles Sandbach, was born in Germania, Potter county, October 29, 1866, and was reared in Potter and Tioga counties. In 1884 he went to New York City, where he was employed as entry clerk and assistant book-keeper in a wholesale house until 1887, during which period he passed a civil service examination for a clerkship in the appraisers' department of the United States Custom House, which position he filled from January 18, 1887, until March 6, 1890. On April 1, 1890, he returned to Wellsboro, Tioga county, where he clerked in his father's hotel three months, and then assumed management of the same until January 1, 1891. In October of the latter year, he went to Ocosta,

Washington, where he was engaged in the brewing business for two years and a half. In May, 1894, he removed his brewery to Reno, Nevada, but sold out in October and returned to Tioga county. His mother having purchased the Coles Hotel, at Elkland, he became proprietor of the same, and since November 1, 1894, he has since conducted it under the name of the Sandbach House. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and K. of P., and in politics, an ardent Democrat.

WILLARD C. GRIFFITHS was born in Elmira, New York, February 28, 1867, a son of William F. and Mary C. (Gould) Griffiths, and is of Welsh descent. He was reared in New York state, and was educated in the Addison Union school and academy. On August 14, 1881, he entered the office of the Addison *Advertiser*, to serve an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, and remained there six years. In November, 1887, he went to New Haven, Connecticut, where he worked on different papers, and finally held an important position in a large job printing and book publishing house of that city four years. In 1891 he located at Elkland, Tioga county, purchasing the plant of the Elkland *Journal*, which paper he conducted until September, 1896, when it suspended publication. Mr. Griffiths was married February 25, 1892, to Jennie M. Hammond, a daughter of John W. and Addie (Delamater) Hammond, of Osceola, and has two daughters, Helen M. and Florence A. Politically, Mr. Griffiths is a Republican.

OSCEOLA BOROUGH.

ISRAEL BULKLEY was one of the first settlers in the Cowanesque valley, locating in Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1800. The Bulkley family is of ancient English lineage. Ten generations can be traced on English soil down to Rev. Peter Bulkley, of Odell, a graduate of St. John's College, Cambridge, who immigrated to America in 1634, and settled at Concord, Massachusetts. From the Rev. Peter Bulkley, the line of descent runs through the Rev. Gershom and Rev. John Bulkley, to Peter Bulkley, of Colchester, Connecticut, who married Susannah Newton, and was the father of Israel Bulkley, the pioneer of the family in Tioga county. Israel was born January 22, 1762, and served a brief time in Capt. N. Waterman's company, in the Revolution, when the British burned New London. He married Lucy Chapin, born November 22, 1767. Their children were as follows: Ralph, born December 19, 1794; George, November 27, 1796, who died young; Lucy, March 29, 1799, who married Col. Lemuel Davenport; George (2nd), October 2, 1801, the first of the family born in Tioga county; Ira, March 3, 1804; Hiram, September 17, 1806; Newton, April 24, 1809, and Charles, September 18, 1812, who died in early youth. At the time of his removal to this county, Mr. Bulkley possessed considerable property, and was recognized as one of the leading spirits in the Cowanesque valley. He brought with him an improved breed of cattle and other live stock, cleared the farm upon which his grandson, Charles Bulkley, now resides, established a blacksmith shop, dealt in merchandise, built a grist-mill, carding-mill and distillery, and was a land surveyor and agent for the Strawbridge estate. He planted a nursery of fruit trees upon his farm, from which was raised the first orchards in Tioga county. His plantation was a central point in the pioneer settlements, and meetings, elections and general training-days were held at his place for several years. He died January 18, 1828, and was succeeded by his son, Ira, who then took charge of the homestead farm.

IRA BULKLEY was born in Osceola, Tioga county, March 3, 1804, grew to manhood on the homestead, and limited his business operations almost entirely to farming. He brought his farm under a high state of cultivation, and was awarded the prize of the Tioga County Agricultural Society several times for possessing the best improved farm in the county. One of the attractions of the place for many years was a well-stocked deer park. Mr. Bulkley was twice married. On October 4, 1826, he married Harriet Belding, a daughter of Cyprian and Harriet (Belding) Wright, to whom were born three children, viz: Charles, born November 25, 1827; Esther, June 13, 1829, and Harriet, December 13, 1831, the last two of whom died young. He was again married November 24, 1833, to Esther Maria Wright, born in 1812, who died September 18, 1895. Mr. Bulkley died November 19, 1876.

CHARLES BULKLEY, only living child of Ira Bulkley, was born on the homestead, November 25, 1827. He was educated in the common schools and at Union Academy. He succeeded to the home farm, and has acquired by successive purchase the larger part of his grandfather's real estate, until to-day he is the owner of over 500 acres of highly improved farming land. He has held many local offices with much acceptance to those he served. He has been twice married. On November 26, 1856, he married Marietta, a daughter of Lloyd and Maria (Reynolds) Perry. Their children were: Perry, born August 29, 1857, who died young; Myra, November 15, 1858, wife of Henry Tubbs, and Carrie, September 24, 1867, wife of George Gershom Dorrance. He was again married August 26, 1885, to Mrs. Clarissa Mannigan, who died November 10, 1896.

GEORGE NEWTON BULKLEY was born in Osceola, Tioga county, October 8, 1845, and resided on the Newton Bulkley homestead in Osceola borough until his death, January 7, 1885. He was a son of Newton and Phoebe Ann (Barker) Bulkley, and a grandson of Israel and Lucy (Chapin) Bulkley. His father was born in Osceola, April 24, 1809, married Phoebe Ann Barker, and lived and died upon the farm now occupied by his grand-daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Baker. The subject of this sketch was married March 19, 1867, to Hannah Eudora Brader, a daughter of George and Mary (Chapin) Brader, of Kingston, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, who bore him two children: Thomas B., deceased, and Phoebe Frances, wife of Robert C. Baker. Mr. Bulkley was a florist and market gardner, took a deep interest in horticulture, and won many prizes at county fairs and exhibits. He owned 235 acres of land, of which 160 acres is in the old homestead. In politics, he was an ardent Republican, and in religion a member of the Presbyterian church.

ABNER GLEASON was born in Oxford, Massachusetts, December 6, 1745, a son of Joseph and Lydia (Tarbox) Gleason. He came from Charlton, Massachusetts, to what is now Osceola, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, in 1809, and worked at the cooper's trade. He was twice married. His first wife, Abigail Rich, bore him six children, viz: David, Rachel, Paul, Abigail, Abner and William. His second wife, Deborah Baker, was the mother of two children: Ruth, who married Lemuel Cady, and Polly, who married Simon Nicholas. Mr. Gleason died in 1816, and his remains were the first interred in Osceola cemetery.

PAUL GLEASON, son of Abner and Abigail Gleason, was born in Charlton, Massachusetts, January 12, 1778, and came with his parents to Osceola, Tioga county, in 1809, where he worked at the shoemaker's trade and also engaged in

farming. On February 16, 1802, he married Judith, a daughter of John and Catherine Warren. Seven children were the fruits of this union, viz: Nelson, Julia, who married Armon Cloos; Warren, John W., George R., Anna, who married James Tubbs, and Mancir. Mr. Gleason was the first constable of Elkland, and held several other local offices at different periods. He died June 28, 1842.

MANCIR GLEASON, youngest child of Paul and Judith Gleason, was born in Osceola, Tioga county, July 14, 1824, and in early manhood began working in the lumber woods, and also on a farm. He later spent two years as a jobber in clearing land in Chatham township. In 1844 he purchased the farm in Osceola upon which he now resides, where he has lived for more than half a century. Mr. Gleason was married November 9, 1851, to Mary Van Zile, a daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Mills) Van Zile, of Osceola, and has three children: Ezra, James and Metta. Mrs. Gleason died November 6, 1896. In politics, he is a Republican, and a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

EZRA GLEASON, eldest child of Mancir Gleason, was born in Osceola, Tioga county, September 22, 1852, grew to manhood upon the old homestead, and was educated in the public schools of Elkland and Osceola. In 1877 he purchased ninety acres of the old farm, most of which he has cleared and improved, and has since added sixty-six acres to his original purchase. On March 22, 1877, he married Sarah S. Perkins, a daughter of Samuel and Marietta (Brown) Perkins, of Steuben county, New York. They are the parents of four children: Judd, Bertha, Samuel and Harry. Mr. Gleason is a member of the P. of H., and the K. & L. of H. He is a Republican, in politics, and is one of the school directors of Osceola.

EBENEZER TAYLOR was born on the Delaware river, in either Pennsylvania or New Jersey, November 15, 1767, a son of Ebenezer and Permelia Taylor. He settled in what is now Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1803, removing to what is now Osceola in 1811. He was a hunter of considerable note, and when not out on the chase, devoted his attention to farming. He married Polly Cook, a daughter of Reuben Cook, the pioneer, who died at Osceola, June 25, 1829. Their children were as follows: Sally, who married John Mascho; Samuel, Permelia, who married Samuel Tubbs; Philip, Polly, who married Benjamin Tubbs; Margaret, who married Abel Cloos; Esther, who became the wife of Nelson Gleason; Catherine, who married Asahel Morey; Lavina, who married William Weeks; Lucinda, who married John W. Gleason, and Elvira C., who became the wife of David M. Van Zile. Mr. Taylor died November 14, 1850.

COL. PHILIP TAYLOR, son of Ebenezer and Polly Taylor, is a well-remembered farmer of Osceola, where he cleared and improved the farm now owned by Charles B. Hoyt. He was married by Nathaniel Seely, Esq., June 2, 1825, to Sally Ryon, a daughter of Judge John and Susannah Ryon, who settled on the site of Elkland in the spring of 1811. She was born in Newtown, now a part of Elmira, New York, December 28, 1808, the eldest in a family of twelve children, six of whom are living. Mrs. Taylor became the mother of eight children, seven of whom survive, as follows: Polly, who married Jeremiah Stoddard; Charlotte R., widow of Prof. I. G. Hoyt; Hiram, Susan, who married J. B. Payne; Helen M., who married Augustus Smith; Charles R., and Permelia, who married P. G. Wass. Mr. Taylor was a colonel in the militia prior to the Rebellion, hence his title. He filled several

local offices in the township at different periods, and took an active interest in public affairs. Colonel Taylor and wife united with the Presbyterian church of Elkland, March 12, 1859, and remained consistent members until their death. He died in 1866. His wife survived him thirty years, dying in Osceola, Sunday morning, March 1, 1896, in the eighty-eighth year of her age, one of the last links that bound the historic past to the eventful and changing present.

CAPT. CHARLES RYON TAYLOR was born in what is now Osceola borough, Tioga county, August 9, 1840, a son of Col. Philip and Sally Taylor. He was reared in his native town, and was educated in the public schools and Union Academy. He commenced his business life as a clerk in a general store at Academy Corners. October 8, 1861, he entered Company L, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, as first lieutenant, and was promoted to captain November 1, 1862. He participated with the Army of the Potomac in the battles of Wolf-ton, Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run, New Baltimore, Little Washington, Berryville, Occoquan, Gloucester Point, Frying Pan, Gettysburg, Culpepper, Bristoe Station, Brentsville, Beverly Ford, Brandy Station, Mine Run, Beaver Dam, Meadow Bridge, Hawe's Shop, Trevillian Station, White House Landing, St. Mary's Church, Jerusalem Plank Road, Deep Bottom, Lee's Mills and Ream's Station, where he received a gun-shot wound in the right hand, August 23, 1864, and was mustered out of the service November 5, of that year. Captain Taylor returned to Osceola, and in 1871 embarked in the mercantile business in that borough, which he continued three years. He was constable of Osceola for thirteen years, and has held the office of justice of the peace since 1886. On February 17, 1870, he married Stella A. Seely, a daughter of Morgan and Harriet (Beebe) Seely, of Osceola. In politics, Captain Taylor is a staunch Republican, and is also a member of the F. & A. M., and the G. A. R.

SAMUEL TUBBS, SR., a son of Lebbeus and Bathsheba (Hamilton) Tubbs, was born in Lyme, Connecticut, in 1755. In 1773 he came with his parents from New London, Connecticut, to Pennsylvania, and settled at Wyoming. August 26, 1776, he enlisted in Capt. Robert Durkee's Independent Company, which was attached to Col. John Durkee's regiment of the Connecticut Line. He remained in the service until the close of the Revolution, participating in the battles of Bound Brook, Mill Stone River, Mud Creek, Brandywine and Germantown. He wintered with the army at Valley Forge, and served in Sullivan's Expedition against the Indians of the Genesee valley in 1779. His father and the other members of the family were in the fort at Wyoming during the massacre, but escaped unhurt. His command was on its way to the valley at the time and stopped the night before at Shoup's Tavern, Northampton county, Pennsylvania. In 1787 he removed to Newtown, now Elmira, New York, where he remained until March, 1811, when he came to Tioga county and settled at Elkland, on a tract of land the original warrant for which was issued to Dr. Henry Lattimer, of Wilmington, Delaware. Here he remained until his death, September 7, 1841. Mr. Tubbs married Sarah Susannah Dorrance, eldest child of Lieut. Col. George and Mary (Wilson) Dorrance. Colonel Dorrance was killed in the Wyoming Massacre. Mrs. Tubbs was born in 1760, and died August 16, 1838. She was the mother of eleven children, as follows: A son born in 1778, who died in childhood; Robert, born March 24, 1780, married Clara Hoyt, and died August 9, 1865; Cynthia, born May 11, 1782, married Samuel Jenkins, and

died March 6, 1860; Betsey, born in 1786, married Jonathan Jenkins, and died March 28, 1817; Polly, born September 15, 1789, married David Hammond, and died January 21, 1867; George, born in 1790, and died in 1792; Susannah, born January 10, 1794, married John Ryon, Jr., and died March 5, 1881; Samuel, born December 15, 1794, married Permelia Taylor, and died May 15, 1870; Benjamin, born December 19, 1796, married Polly Taylor, and died August 19, 1873; James, born in January, 1800, married Sally Coates, and died November 20, 1823, and Hannah, born December 25, 1802, married Martin Stevens, and died May 24, 1850.

SAMUEL TUBBS, JR., son of Samuel Tubbs, Sr., was born at Newtown, New York, December 15, 1794, and was in his seventeenth year when his parents located at Elkland. In 1815 he married Permelia Taylor, a daughter of Capt. Ebenezer and Polly (Cook) Taylor, to which union were born six children, viz: Polly, who married Benson Tubbs; James, of Osceola; Clara, who lives with her youngest brother, George; Sally, who married Lyman P. Hoyt; Philip, whose first wife was Sarepta Crandall, and second wife, Betsey Spencer, and George, who married Jane Campbell. Mr. Tubbs lived nearly all his life in Osceola. In 1840 he built the house now occupied by Morgan Seely, and died at the home of his son, George, May 15, 1870. His wife died on July 21, 1851.

JAMES TUBBS, eldest son of Samuel Tubbs, Jr., was born in Osceola, Tioga county, February 12, 1818, there grew to maturity, and made farming his principal vocation. In early manhood he taught school in Elkland and other places in the Cowanesque valley. He was married May 9, 1841, to Anna Gleason, born December 19, 1819, a daughter of Paul and Judith (Warren) Gleason, to which union were born two children, viz: Charles and Henry, both residents of Osceola. Mrs. Tubbs died April 29, 1879, and her husband makes his home with his son, Charles. He was a captain of militia from 1841 to 1850, a school director for thirty years, a supervisor for fifteen years, and has also served as burgess of Osceola. In politics, he is a Republican.

GEORGE TUBBS was born in Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1829, and is a son of Samuel and Permelia (Taylor) Tubbs. With the exception of three years that he lived in Elkland, he has spent his entire life in his native township. He attended the common schools in boyhood, and has since been engaged in farming, having assisted in clearing several farms, including a part of the old homestead. On April 10, 1852, he married Jane Campbell, a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Clinch) Campbell, of Nelson township, and has three children, viz: Frank, Ann, wife of O. A. Van Dusen, and Minnie, wife of W. H. Clark. Mr. Tubbs is a staunch Republican, and has held various local offices, such as supervisor and collector, and has been a school director of Osceola ten years. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and takes a deep interest in the growth and progress of that society.

JOHN TUBBS, son of Robert and Clara (Hoyt) Tubbs, was born and reared in Osceola, Tioga county. He cleared a farm of 150 acres, now owned by his son, Edward R., and was also extensively engaged in the lumber business. His wife, Rebecca, was a daughter of James and Nancy (Robb) Atherton, of Elkland, and bore him two children, Edward R., and Lizzie A., wife of Russell Wentworth. Mr. Tubbs was a member of the Presbyterian church, also of the Masonic order, and

in politics, a Republican. He died January 9, 1892. His wife died June 3, 1872, at the age of thirty-seven years.

EDWARD R. TUBBS, only son of John and Rebecca Tubbs, was born in Osceola, Tioga county, July 19, 1857, attended the public schools of his township in boyhood, and later the State Normal School, at Mansfield. He has always been a resident of Osceola, and is engaged in farming and in buying and shipping live stock for the New York markets. Mr. Tubbs has been twice married. His first wife was Mrs. Della G. Pratt, a daughter of Philip Fridley, of Seneca county, New York, who bore him one son, John R. His second wife was Alice Perry, a daughter of Albert and Fannie (Coykendall) Perry, of Steuben county. In politics, Mr. Tubbs is a Republican, and is a member of the Masonic order.

NATHANIEL SEELY was a native of Southport, Chemung county, New York, born November 20, 1788, a son of Nathaniel Seely, Sr. He settled in what is now Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1812, where he engaged in farming up to 1830, also kept an inn for the accommodation of travelers, and for twenty years was a justice of the peace. He was married February 16, 1809, to Lucy Kelsey, a daughter of Abner and Ann (Eaton) Kelsey, who became the mother of thirteen children, only seven of whom grew to maturity, viz: Jonas B., George G., Morgan, Henry, Jane E., who married Russell Crandall; Ann K., who married A. W. Lugg, and Allen. Mrs. Seely was born August 31, 1791. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died at his home in Osceola, October 15, 1866. His wife survived him until September 15, 1873.

MORGAN SEELY, banker, was born in Osceola, Tioga county, May 15, 1816, and is a son of Nathaniel and Lucy Seely. He was reared to manhood in his native town, and completed his education at Wellsboro Academy. He commenced his business career as a clerk in the store of the late Joel Parkhurst, of Elkland, with whom he remained several years. In 1845 he embarked in the mercantile business at Elkland, where he carried on merchandising one year. He subsequently conducted the same line of business at Nelson and Osceola, his mercantile career extending over a period of thirty years. In 1869, as a member of the firm of Seely, Coates & Company, he established a bank at Knoxville, which existed for eight years. In 1877 he founded a bank at Osceola, which he has carried on successfully up to the present. In 1885, as a member of the firm of Tucker & Seely, he established the Farmers' and Traders' Bank, of Westfield. This partnership existed until November, 1892, when he was succeeded by his son, Frank J. Mr. Seely was married in February, 1847, to Harriet Beebe, a daughter of Anson and Lucy (Lincoln) Beebe, of Lawrenceville, Tioga county, and is the father of four children, viz: Mrs. Stella A. Taylor, Ida V., deceased wife of Dr. C. H. Bosworth; Frank J., and Ed. M. Politically, Mr. Seely is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Presbyterian church.

FRANK J. SEELY was born in Osceola, Tioga county, November 14, 1854, and is the third child and eldest son of Morgan Seely. He was reared in Osceola, and obtained his education in the public schools of his native town and Wellsboro High School. In 1875 he engaged in merchandising at Nelson, where he continued in business until 1884. He then entered the banking house of his father, at Osceola, and filled the office of cashier until November, 1892, when he removed to Westfield

to accept the same position in the Farmers' and Traders' Bank, succeeding his father as a member of the firm of Tucker & Seely. He is also a member of C. W. Morgan & Company, wholesale dealers in hay, grain, etc., established at Osceola in 1889, to which place he returned in the spring of 1897. On October 20, 1880, he married Maria Augusta Phelps, a daughter of Volcut C. and Diantha (Smith) Phelps, of Osceola, and has two children, Gertrude and Sara. Mr. Seely is an ardent Republican, is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is connected with the F. & A. M., and K. & L. of H.

ED. M. SEELY, youngest son of Morgan Seely, was born in Osceola, Tioga county, May 15, 1861. He obtained his education at the public schools and at the State Normal School, Mansfield, and received a preliminary banking training in New York, and in 1880 entered his father's bank in Osceola. He was cashier of that institution from 1882 to 1885. November 1, 1885, he was transferred to the Farmers' and Traders' Bank, of Westfield, of which he was cashier until November, 1892, when he returned to Osceola and resumed his old position as cashier of his father's bank, which he still retains. Mr. Seely was married July 4, 1892, to Kittie M. Strawn, a daughter of Samuel and Ann (Curran) Strawn, of Chatham township. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics, he is a Republican.

ANDREW BOSARD, one of the early settlers of Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, was born on the old Bosard homestead, in Monroe county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1780. His grandfather, Johan Philip Bossert, immigrated from Alsace, Germany, in 1729 and settled at Bossardsville, Monroe county, immediately below the Delaware Water Gap, in 1745, where he purchased a tract of land from the sons of William Penn. Andrew there grew to manhood, and learned the trade of cabinet-making. On February 22, 1804, he married Nancy Hammond, a sister of the late John Hammond, of Elkland, and settled upon a farm about two miles from Bossardsville, where he remained until 1809, when he removed to Chemung county, New York, locating near Elmira. In 1813 he came to the Cowanesque valley and settled on the Bosard homestead, in Osceola, where he practiced the arts of husbandry for many years. In 1814, during the War of 1812, he enlisted in the army, but was never mustered into actual service. He died in Osceola on August 20, 1858. His wife, Nancy Hammond, was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, April 4, 1784, and died in Osceola on November 24, 1839. Their children were as follows: James Huntington, Alvers, Emma, Maria, Arthur F., Andrew Keller, Melchior De Pui, Nancy and Peter. Alvers Bosard succeeded to the homestead, and his widow and daughter now occupy the same. James Huntington, Emma and Nancy died in 1834, 1831 and 1836, respectively. Maria married Henry C. Bosworth, in 1843, and lived for some time at Smithfield, Pennsylvania, but removed to Osceola about 1852, and resided there until her death, in 1870.

ANDREW KELLER BOSARD was born in Osceola, Tioga county, December 27, 1819, a son of Andrew and Nancy Bosard. He was educated in the common schools and at the Wellsboro Academy, which he attended for a short time. He learned the trades of a cabinet-maker and carpenter, and also taught school four or five years in early manhood, subsequently devoting his attention to working on his farm and at his trade. In October, 1843, he married Hetty Cilly, a daughter of John and

Marcia (Goodwin) Cilly, of Osceola. His wife died November 22, 1865, and in 1867 he married Anne Sherman. He resided at Osceola until his death, which occurred March 12, 1877. His second wife survived until 1882. Mr. Bosard reared a family of ten children, seven by his first wife and three by his second, as follows: James Huntington, born in 1845, a lawyer of Grand Forks, North Dakota; George Leroy, born in 1847, a carpenter and farmer, who married Mary Beagle, a daughter of the late Cornelius Beagle, of Elkland, and died in 1878; Jerome Leon, born in 1849, a carpenter residing in Nelson; Florence Hortense, born in 1851, who married Willis R. Bierly, of Williamsport, in 1872, and died in that city in 1873; Sara Louise, born in 1853, who married Willis R. Bierly, in 1874, and resides at Grand Forks, North Dakota, where her husband is a newspaper man; Willie Burns, who married Carrie Fical, in 1878, and in 1880 removed to North Dakota, and now resides at Emerado; Maria, born in 1859, wife of Herbert B. Mitchell, of Rock Island, Illinois, a son of Judge John I. Mitchell, of Wellsboro; Emma, born in 1867, wife of J. B. Redfield, of Farmington; Stella M., born in 1869, wife of Fred Allison, of Mills, Potter county, and Lizzie, born in 1874, wife of Jesse O. Treat. In the days of the State Militia, before the war, Mr. Bosard was colonel of his regiment, and was active on muster days at military encampments. During the Rebellion he was employed by the township as recruiting agent, and represented Osceola at Williamsport, Harrisburg and Carlisle. In politics, he was first a Whig of the Henry Clay school, and was one of the first to join the ranks of the Republican party at its organization. True to the instinct and teaching of his mother, he was a member of the Presbyterian church, and lived and died in that faith. He was also connected with the I. O. O. F. and the F. & A. M., in which societies he always manifested a deep interest.

STENNETT CRANDALL was born in Rhode Island, November 1, 1767, resided in Madison county, New York, for many years, whence he removed to what is now Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1823, settling on the farm originally occupied by David Jay. He engaged in farming, and also worked at the shoemaker's trade, having his shop in his dwelling house. His wife, Caty Greenman, born June 10, 1773, bore him a family of eleven children, viz: Silas, Joel, Rhoda, who married Stephen Card; Truman, Jairus, Barney, Stanton, William, Henry, Russell, and one that died in infancy. Mrs. Crandall died August 17, 1837, and her husband, November 13, 1853.

RUSSELL CRANDALL was born in Cazenovia, Madison county, New York, August 9, 1817, and is the youngest son of Stennett Crandall. He was about six years old when his parents located at Osceola, where he attended the pioneer schools of the neighborhood, obtaining but a limited education. At the age of seventeen he commenced life for himself, as a farm hand, working in that capacity eight years. In 1841 he engaged in general merchandising at Osceola, which he followed successfully up to 1890, a period of nearly fifty years, when he retired. Mr. Crandall was twice married. His first marriage occurred March 12, 1844, to Jane Seely, a daughter of Nathaniel and Lucy (Kelsey) Seely, pioneers of Osceola. Of the four children born to this union, three grew to maturity, viz: Francis M., deceased; Vine and Albert S. His second wife was Mrs. Julia Scott, nee Carr, of Milesburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Crandall is one of the leading citizens of Osceola, with which bor-

ough he has been prominently connected for more than half a century. He took an active part in establishing the Osceola High School, in 1860, served as a school director for twenty-five years, and was treasurer for nearly as long. In politics, he is a Republican.

FRANCIS MARION CRANDALL, eldest son of Russell and Jane Crandall, was a native of Osceola, where he followed the mercantile business from 1868 until 1880, when he removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota. He there continued merchandising until his death, which occurred in 1881. His wife was Orcelia C., a daughter of Charles and Maria (King) Toles, of Tioga county, who bore him one son, Charles L. During Lee's invasion, in 1863, he served three months with the Emergency Men. In politics, he was a Republican, and was connected with the Masonic order.

VINE CRANDALL, second son of Russell and Jane Crandall, was born at Osceola, Tioga county, September 17, 1846, and obtained a good education in the Osceola High School. In 1866 he entered the general mercantile business with Philetus Crandall, under the firm name of P. Crandall & Company, in which he continued until 1869. He then located at Knoxville, where, as a member of the firm of Seely, Coates & Company, he was engaged in the banking business a number of years. In 1878 he returned to Osceola, where he has since devoted his attention to lumbering. Mr. Crandall was married December 15, 1869, to Sarah A. Kinney, a daughter of Rev. Chester D. and Eliza (Northrup) Kinney, of Osceola, and has one son, Henry K., born April 15, 1879. In politics, Mr. Crandall is a Republican, is a member of the F. & A. M., and is a trustee in the Presbyterian church. He is one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Osceola.

TRUMAN CRANDALL, third son of Stennett Crandall, was born in Rensselaer county, New York, February 5, 1796, and settled in what is now Osceola township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, taking up 130 acres of land, which he cleared and improved. In 1850, he embarked in the general mercantile business at Osceola, in which he was engaged for many years. He married Nancy Card, a daughter of Judge Card, of Madison county, New York. She died November 12, 1863. To this union were born seven children, named as follows: Philetus, Sarepta, who married Philip Tubbs; Lydia, who married Henry Seely; Silas G., Phoebe, Charles and Rebecca. Mr. Crandall died March 23, 1882, in his eighty-seventh year.

SILAS G. CRANDALL, son of Truman and Nancy Crandall, was born in what is now Osceola township, Tioga county, May 12, 1827, was reared upon the old homestead, and obtained a limited education in the public schools. He followed farming until 1850, and then engaged in the mercantile business at Osceola with his father and brother, under the firm name of P. Crandall & Brother. He also built, in connection with others, a tannery at Osceola, which he operated for several years. In 1859 he removed to Nelson, where he was engaged in farming up to 1883. In that year he located at Knoxville, which has since been his home, where he conducted the hardware business for a number of years. Mr. Crandall was married January 24, 1858, to Mary Weeks, a daughter of William and Lovina (Taylor) Weeks, of Osceola township, and has two children: Eva G., wife of James C. Goodspeed, and Lettie, wife of George W. Bottum. In politics, Mr. Crandall is a Republican, and is a member of the E. A. U.

JAMES WORKS, a native of Exeter, New Hampshire, settled in what is now

Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1813. In 1814 he removed to what is known as the Ouderkirk farm, in Farmington township, and thence to Troupsburg, New York, where he died and was buried. His first wife was Rachel Cass, of Exeter, New Hampshire, who bore him six children, viz: James F., Matilda, who married Hosea Aldrich; Loncy, who married George Champlin; Sally, who married a Mr. Clark; Jane, who married a Mr. Brooks, and Asa. His second wife was a Miss Whitaker, to which union was born one son, Leonidas.

JAMES F. WORKS was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, February 13, 1808, and removed with his parents, James and Rachel Works, to Tioga county when about five years old. He was reared by the Bulkley family, of Osceola, with whom he lived twenty-eight years, and obtained a limited common school education. In 1841 he purchased seventy-five acres of land on Holden creek, in Osceola township, upon which he resided until his death, which occurred December 22, 1894, in his eighty-seventh year. His wife, Jane, was a daughter of Selas and Elizabeth (Horton) Taylor, of Osceola, and bore him three children, viz: Esther M., wife of A. L. Brant; Benjamin, deceased, and Justus M. R. Mr. Works was of a retiring disposition, temperate in all things, and was one of the last of the original settlers in this section of the county to pass to the great beyond. In politics, he was a stanch Democrat, but never took any active interest in public affairs.

JUSTUS M. R. WORKS, son of James F. and Jane Works, was born in Osceola, Tioga county, August 12, 1860. He obtained his education in the public schools and Woodhull Academy, and has made farming his vocation, having spent his entire life upon the old homestead, where he was born and reared. In politics, he is a Democrat, has held various local offices in Osceola borough, and is at present a school director.

JOHN HAZLETT, SR., son of Robert Hazlett, was born in the North of Ireland, and immigrated to the United States in 1810. The same year he settled in Nelson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he cleared and improved the farm now occupied by his descendants, upon which he died. On April 11, 1811, he married Jane Campbell, a daughter of Joseph Campbell, of Nelson township, and their children were as follows: Rachel, who married James Cook; Mary, who married John Flint; Samuel, who married Catherine Knapp; Archibald, Jane, John, Eliza Ann, who married William Merritt; Sally J., who married Charles Horsley, and Maria, wife of Washington Richardson.

JOHN HAZLETT, son of John and Jane Hazlett, was born on the homestead farm in Nelson township, Tioga county, and spent his entire life there, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was married March 25, 1855, to Lucy Dunham, a daughter of James and Nancy (Brown) Dunham, of Farmington township. Six children were born to this marriage, viz: Frank R., Nancy, wife of William Pepper; Edward, Ella, deceased; Fannie, wife of William Monroe, and Herbert. Mr. Hazlett died March 15, 1892. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and an adherent of the Republican party.

FRANK R. HAZLETT was born in Nelson township, Tioga county, April 2, 1856, and is the eldest son of John and Lucy Hazlett. He was reared in his native township, and completed his education in the Corning High School. He began his business career as a clerk in the largest grocery house in Ithaca, New York, and fol-

lowed that occupation five years. He was subsequently in the employ of the Fall Brook Railroad Company at Academy Corners for eleven months. In 1885 he embarked in general merchandising at Osceola, which business he has since continued, and by judicious management and strict attention to the details of his business he has built up one of the largest trades in the Cowanesque valley, though he conducts his establishment on a strictly cash basis. In 1894 he built a store in Elmira Heights which is conducted by Hazlett, Monroe & Company. On December 22, 1888, Mr. Hazlett married Eula M. Taylor, a daughter of Hiram Taylor, of Osceola, and has three children: Clinton E., John H. and R. Blaine. Politically, he is a Republican, and is now serving as a justice of the peace. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is also connected with the K. of H., the K. & L. of H., and the K. O. T. M.

HENRY C. BOSWORTH, M. D., was born in Vernon, New York, March 8, 1811, and was a son of Reed and Amarilla (Peck) Bosworth. He was reared in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and in 1837 was graduated from Geneva Medical College, New York. For thirteen years he practiced his profession at Smithfield, Bradford county. In 1850 he removed to Deerfield, Tioga county, where he engaged in farming for two years, and also in general merchandising at Academy Corners. In 1852 he removed to Osceola, where he continued the mercantile business up to his death, December 5, 1870. His wife, Maria, was a daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Hammond) Bosard, pioneers of Osceola, and bore him three children: Edward E., Urbane A. and Charles H. Dr. Bosworth was a man of genial disposition and possessed hosts of friends. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. In politics, a Republican, he served as postmaster of Osceola from 1861 to his death.

CHARLES H. BOSWORTH, physician and surgeon, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, November 22, 1851, and is the youngest child of Dr. Henry C. and Maria Bosworth. He was educated at Union and Woodhull Academies, commenced reading medicine in 1879, and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1881. From 1870 to 1890, he was engaged in general merchandising at Osceola, and was postmaster of that borough from 1879 to 1886. He began the active practice of his profession at Osceola in 1890, to which he has since devoted his whole attention. Dr. Bosworth was married September 2, 1872, to Ida V. Seely, a daughter of Morgan and Harriet (Beebe) Seely, of Osceola, and has two children: Ford E. and Reed S. Mrs. Bosworth died April 14, 1896. In politics, he is a stanch Republican, is a member of the Masonic order, and an adherent of the Presbyterian church.

PROF. ISAAC GUNN HOYT was born in Kingston, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1826, a son of Levi and Sarah (Gunn) Hoyt. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Hoyt, a son of Comfort and Anna (Beach) Hoyt, of Danbury, Connecticut, settled in Kingston, Pennsylvania, in 1795. His maternal grandfather, Abel Gunn, was a direct descendant of one of the Scottish chiefs, who was head of a clan in the Highlands of Scotland. He came to America prior to the Revolution, and served in that war as a member of Washington's body-guard. The subject of this sketch was educated at the Kingston graded schools, Wyoming Seminary and Poughkeepsie Seminary, and studied music at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Poughkeepsie, New York, and the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston,

Massachusetts. For several seasons he attended the annual sessions of the New England Institutes of music, thus availing himself of the advantages to be obtained by these courses under the best musical directors. He devoted his life to the musical profession, and to the cultivation of music as an art. His method of teaching was the same as that used by the New England Conservatory of Music, obtained from L. Franklin Snow, secretary of the Conservatory, and consisted of studies from Bach, Moschelles, Kohler, Beethoven and others of the 'old masters. In 1853 Professor Hoyt located at Osceola and entered upon his life-work as a musical instructor. He taught here one year, and in 1854, at Ithaca, New York. From 1856 to 1859 he was musical instructor at Osceola and Union Academy; from 1859 to 1861 at Greensboro Synodical Female College, Atlanta, Georgia; from 1861 to 1865 in the Osceola High School, and from 1866 to 1871 at the State Normal School, Mansfield. In 1872 he opened the Osceola School of Musical Instruction, which he conducted successfully four years. In 1884 he was again called to take charge of the Musical Department of the State Normal School at Mansfield, which position he filled until 1887. He resigned and returned to Osceola, where he was engaged in giving musical instruction and dealing in musical instruments up to his death, November 12, 1895. In 1859 Professor Hoyt married Charlotte R. Taylor, a daughter of Philip and Sally Taylor, of Osceola. They reared an adopted daughter, Leah Louise. Professor Hoyt was a member of the F. & A. M., and was an adherent of the Republican party from its organization.

SYLVANUS S. BAKER was born in Otsego county, New York, November 28, 1813, a son of George and Susan (Knapp) Baker. He was reared in his native county, whence he removed in 1844 to Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and a year later settled in Westfield township, where he cleared and improved a farm, upon which he died in the winter of 1895. In May, 1834, he married Sally Guiles, a daughter of Ray and Molly (Hodge) Guiles, of Otsego county, New York. Nine children were born to this union, viz: Leroy, Molly, who married Anderson Burdick; George, Susan, who married Samuel Pierce; Aaron E., Lester, Arsula, who married Albert Gament; Annie, wife of Dana Learn, and Allen. Mr. Baker was a member of the Westfield Methodist church, and in politics, a Republican. Mrs. Baker was an able and willing helper, bearing cheerfully a large part in providing for her family. She was one of whom those who knew her could say only good.

AARON E. BAKER, son of Sylvanus S. Baker, was born in Chatham township, Tioga county, May 25, 1844, and was reared to manhood in Westfield township. In 1867 he located on his present farm situated on the line of Osceola and Farmington townships, and lived on the Farmington side up to 1884, when he moved to his new residence in Osceola. Mr. Baker was married December 25, 1866, to Ann Casbeer, a daughter of Robert and Susan (House) Casbeer, who were among the pioneers of Farmington township. Of the five children born to this union, four are living, viz: Robert C., Raymond E., Victor H., and S. Lelia. Mr. Baker and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is superintendent of the Sunday-school, also a class leader. In politics, he is a Prohibitionist, and is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

ROBERT CASBEER BAKER, eldest son of Aaron E. Baker, was born in Farming-

ton township, Tioga county, August 30, 1868, was reared beneath the parental roof, and obtained his education in the Osceola public schools. With the exception of four years that he clerked in a general store at Osceola, farming has been his occupation, and he has lived on his present farm since the fall of 1888. Mr. Baker was married to Phoebe Frances Bulkley, a daughter of George Newton and Hannah Eudora (Brader) Bulkley, September 11, 1888. Mrs. Baker is a grand-daughter of Newton and Phoebe Ann (Barker) Bulkley, and great-grand-daughter of Israel Bulkley, who settled in what is now Osceola in the year 1800. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have two children living, Frances Edna and Anna C. They reside upon the old Newton Bulkley homestead. Mr. Baker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is an adherent of the Presbyterian faith. In politics, he is a Republican.

GAYLORD G. COLVIN was born in Herkimer county, New York, and was a son of Joshua Colvin, and a grandson of Joseph Colvin, pioneers of Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Joshua Colvin improved upwards of 300 acres of land near Academy Corners, in which work he was assisted by our subject. The Colvins were of Rhode Island Quaker stock. Joseph was a son of Joseph, a grandson of Thomas, a great-grandson of Samuel, and a great-great-grandson of John Colvin, the first of the family to settle in America. The children of Joseph and Ruth Colvin, the pioneers of Deerfield, were as follows: Wealthy, who married Nehemiah Robinson; Joseph, Betsey, who married Daniel Cummings; Lydia, who married Jonathan Matteson; Joshua, Christopher and Thomas. Of these Joshua and Christopher were the father and father-in-law, respectively of our subject. Gaylord G. Colvin came with his parents to Deerfield township, Tioga county, and was successively a farmer and merchant. In later life he removed to Osceola, where he died May 8, 1883, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, Ruth, was a daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Hills) Colvin, of Herkimer county, New York. She became the mother of seventeen children, only three of whom grew to maturity, viz: Benjamin F., Daniel C., and Mary C., wife of Charles L. Hoyt.

BENJAMIN F. COLVIN was born in Herkimer county, New York, January 10, 1826, a son of Gaylord G. and Ruth Colvin. From the age of seven years, he was reared in Spring Mills, New York. In 1848 he removed to Bingham, Potter county, Pennsylvania, where he lived until 1871. In that year he removed to Osceola, Tioga county, where he was engaged in farming until 1883, when he retired from active business. On January 31, 1862, Mr. Colvin enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers. In May following he was injured in a railroad wreck, between Harper's Ferry and Winchester, Virginia, and was honorably discharged from the service January 31, 1865. In October, 1865, he married Jennie Crissman, of Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Colvin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is also connected with the Masonic order and the G. A. R. In politics, he is an advocate of the principles of the Prohibition party.

JOHN BROWN was born in Sweden, January 2, 1847, a son of Johannes and Kate (Andrus) Brown. He was reared to manhood in his native country, there received a common school education, and came to the United States in 1869. He remained in Hartford, Connecticut, eight months, coming to Fall Brook, Tioga county,

Pennsylvania, in 1870, where he found employment in the mines five years. In 1875 he removed to Elkland, entering the employ of Joel Parkhurst, and in 1876 engaged in farming, which business he has since continued. He lived in Elkland up to April 1, 1894, when he removed to Osceola, which was his home until the spring of 1897 when he took charge of one of the Pattison estate farms in Elkland. During his former residence at Elkland, he was buyer for a large wholesale tobacco house of New York City. On January 24, 1874, he was married in Fall Brook to Christina Hunson, a native of Sweden, and has three children, viz: Anna, Charlie and Emma. In politics, Mr. Brown is a Republican, was burgess of Elkland three terms, school director three years and assistant assessor three years.

HORACE ELDRIDGE, a native of Saratoga county, New York, was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Graham) Eldridge, natives of Vermont, and New York states, respectively, who settled in Clymer township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1847. Horace assisted his father in clearing a farm, and in 1861 returned to Saratoga Springs, New York. In 1862 he enlisted in Company F, Ninety-fifth New York Volunteers, and was killed at the battle of Weldon Railroad, near Culpepper, Virginia, in May, 1864. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Sylvester Hall, of Saratoga, New York, and bore him two children: Elizabeth, wife of William Baker, of Woodhull, New York, and John Edward, of Osceola, Tioga county.

JOHN EDWARD ELDRIDGE was born in Clymer township, Tioga county, September 21, 1849, and is the only son of Horace and Mary Eldridge. He was educated in the common schools of his native township and at Fort Edward Institute, Fort Edward, New York. He followed clerking in a general store for two years, and from 1866 to 1880 clerked in various hotels, including the Marvin House, Saratoga Springs, New York; Sun Hotel, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Frasier House, Elmira, New York. Since 1880 he has been employed in the Osceola tannery, and for the past ten years has held the important position of superintendent of the liquor department, being in charge of the liquid used in tanning leather. Mr. Eldridge was married October 4, 1874, to Mary Gleason, a daughter of John and Mary Gleason, of Elmira, New York. They have four children, viz: George, Frances, Walter and Gertrude. In politics, Mr. Eldridge is a Democrat, and is a member of the K. of H.

PROF. ARTEMUS EDWARDS was born at Norwich, Chenango county, New York, October 31, 1843, and is a son of Andrew and Sarah A. (Brookins) Edwards. He was educated at Professor Kenyon's academy, Troupsburg, New York, and Alfred University, Alfred, New York, and began his career as a teacher at seventeen years of age. He taught twenty terms in the common schools of New York state. On March 27, 1863, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-first New York Volunteers, was with General Banks on the Red River Expedition, and took part in the battles of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. He was honorably discharged at Tallahassee, Florida, November 17, 1865, and returned to his home in New York, where he resumed teaching. In 1882 he located at Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he was principal of the graded schools six years. In 1888 he became principal of the Osceola High School, a position he filled in a very creditable manner and to the satisfaction of the people up to the spring of 1896. In the autumn of that year he took charge of the schools at Potter Brook, which position

he still occupies. On March 14, 1867, he married Maria Brown, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Bartles) Brown, of Oxford, New York, and had three children by this union: Fred E., Edith M. and Paul J. His second wife was May Northrop, a daughter of Dr. G. W. and W. Ellen (De Wolf) Northrop, of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, who is the mother of two children: George A. and Ellen M. Professor Edwards is a Democrat, in politics, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a R. A. M. in the Masonic order, and is also connected with the G. A. R.

GEORGE REBER was born in Locust Valley, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1824, and is a son of George and Mary (Knittle) Reber. His paternal grandfather, George Reber, was a native of Schuylkill county, where he kept a hotel for many years, and was an extensive owner of coal lands. His maternal grandfather, Abraham Knittle, was a prominent farmer of that county. The subject of this sketch was reared in Schuylkill county, and received a meagre common school education. He served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, which he completed in 1851, and followed that vocation upwards of thirty years. In 1885 he located at Academy Corners, Tioga county, where he was engaged in quarrying stone for three years. He quarried the first flag-stone from the Ingham quarry, near Academy Corners, and also from the Westfield quarry. In 1888 he located at Osceola, where for the past nine years he has been engaged in quarrying a fine grade of flag-stone from a quarry which he leased at that place. Mr. Reber has been twice married. His first wife, Mary Jane Cavanaugh, was a daughter of James and Mary (Clark) Cavanaugh, of Elmira, New York, and bore him five children, viz: James, George, Charles, Ella and Wilson. His second wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, nee Fuller. Mr. Reber is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, a Republican.

EDWIN E. CLARK, physician and surgeon, was born in Woodhull, Steuben county, New York, May 15, 1866, and is a son of Eleazer and Julia A. (Johnson) Clark, and is of New England ancestry. He was reared in New York state, and was educated in the common schools and Starkey Seminary. In 1889 he commenced the study of medicine, and was graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, in April, 1893. In May of that year he located at Osceola, where he has gradually built up a good practice, and has secured the confidence and esteem of the community. Dr. Clark was married October 17, 1894, to Bertha May Duley, a daughter of John G. and Alice (Ives) Duley, of Osceola. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and in politics, a Republican.

LEWIS J. CLARK was born at Scio, Allegany county, New York, July 10, 1867, and is a son of John and Sarah (Russell) Clark. His maternal grandparents, Hamilton and Sarah (Van Zile) Russell, were pioneers of Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where his grandfather was a miller and merchant, and died in that place. Lewis J. was reared in his native county, and began his business life clerking in a general store at Allentown, New York, in which capacity he served one year. He then learned telegraphy and was an operator on the Bradford, Eldred and Cuba railroad, and also carried on a variety store at Allentown four years. For a short time he was employed as a traveling salesman, and for two years was a band leader and director of music in Allegany county, New York, and Potter

county, Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1895 he opened a grocery and variety store at Osceola, Tioga county, and has since built up a good trade. On February 20, 1895, he married Ruth, a daughter of O. B. and Mary Van Velzor, of Wirt Centre, Allegany county, New York. In politics, he is a Populist, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Jr. O. U. A. M., the Knights of St. John and Malta, and the College of Ancients.

W. RENSSELAER COLVIN was born in Woodhull, Steuben county, New York, May 29, 1870, a son of DeLancey and Mary (Brooks) Colvin. He was educated at Woodhull Union school, where he graduated in 1889. Mr. Colvin began life as a merchant, which he continued five years, and subsequently was a buyer of live stock for the New York markets. In the fall of 1894 he embarked in the hotel business at Osceola, where he has since conducted one of the best hotels in Tioga county, known as the Osceola Hotel. On December 24, 1890, he married Cora Wildrick, a daughter of William and Susannah (Tubbs) Wildrick, of Woodhull, New York, who died November 15, 1896. Mr. Colvin is a member of the K. O. T. M., and in politics, an adherent of the Republican party.

CHAPTER LXI.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP AND KNOXVILLE BOROUGH—WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP AND BOROUGH—BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM KNOX, formerly a resident of the Mohawk valley, New York, settled in what is now Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1798, on the lands now owned by William J., George W. and John W. Knox. With the assistance of his sons, he cleared and improved a farm here, upon which he resided until his death. His wife was Margaret Colton, and their children were as follows: John, William, Archibald, James, Colton, Betsey, who married Charles Carpenter, and Dolly, who married John E. White. Mr. Knox died in the prime of life, but left numerous descendants to perpetuate his name and revere his memory.

JAMES KNOX, son of William Knox, was the first white male child born in what is now Deerfield township, Tioga county, his birth occurring March 28, 1800. He spent his whole life in Deerfield, was an extensive land owner and a prominent farmer. The homestead farm is now owned and occupied by his sons, Minzo W. and Aaron. The house built by Mr. Knox in 1836, is now the home of the former. He married Ann Faulkner, a daughter of Joseph Faulkner, of Deerfield, and their

children are as follows: Archibald D., Franklin W., Harriet, wife of Peter Bosard; Eleanor, Angeline, wife of John Husted; Aaron, and Minzo W. Mr. Knox died September 20, 1881, in his eighty-second year.

ARCHIBALD D. KNOX, eldest son of James Knox, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, October 3, 1821, was reared upon the homestead farm, and cleared a portion of the farm now owned by his son, Edward L., as well as that owned by his son, George H., settling on the latter in 1852. He was twice married. His first wife was Abigail Ann Rushmore, a daughter of Peter and Millie Rushmore, of Clymer township, Tioga county, who bore him one daughter, Mary, wife of F. V. Balch. His second wife was Julia A. White, a native of Erie county, New York, and a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Horton) White. Seven children were born to this union, five of whom grew to maturity, viz: Abbie C., wife of E. A. Bean; Helen A., wife of Linden Case; Laura M., wife of J. C. White; Edward L. and George H. Mr. Knox died June 25, 1892. He was a Republican, in politics, was superintendent of the Tioga county poor house for one year, and was a well-known, representative farmer.

EDWARD L. KNOX, son of Archibald D. and Julia A. (White) Knox, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, July 4, 1855. He was reared in this county, and received his education in the common schools and Union Academy. Farming has been his life vocation, and since 1877, with the exception of two years, he has lived on his present farm in Deerfield township. In September, 1878, he married Mary Vredenburg, a daughter of George and Malinda (Leinaburg) Vredenburg, of Knoxville. Three children were born to this union, all of whom are dead. Mr. Knox is a member of the P. of H., and in politics, a Republican.

GEORGE H. KNOX, son of Archibald D. and Julia A. (White) Knox, was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, April 8, 1860. He was educated in the common schools and at Williamsport Commercial College, and since attaining his majority he has been engaged in farming the old homestead. Mr. Knox was married April 25, 1883, to Carrie A. Everitt, a daughter of Noah and Catherine (Winfield) Everitt, of Deerfield township, and has two children, C. LaRue and Lulu B. In politics, he is a Republican, has served two terms as school director, and three terms as auditor of the township. He is also a member of the Grange.

EBENEZER SEELYE was born in Connecticut, and served throughout the Revolutionary War in Sheldon's Light Horse, a Connecticut company, a portion of the time under Washington. He was married in Connecticut to Mehetabel Todd, and later removed with his family to Lindley, Steuben county, New York, where he improved a large tract of land. In March, 1799, they removed from New York to what is now Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled immediately east of Academy Corners. Here Mr. Seelye erected a saw-mill in 1810, one of the first in the Cowanesque valley. He died June 23, 1837, in the eighty-second year of his age. His wife died May 27, 1839, in her eighty-third year. Their children were as follows: Mehetabel, Anna, Lucina, Laura, Julius, Elanson, Harvey, Eleazer, and Sally, who was born May 4, 1800—the first female child born in Deerfield township—and married Prince King. Mr. Seelye was a Quaker in religion, an upright man, and a good neighbor and citizen. Many of his descendants are among the leading people of Tioga county.

ELANSON SEELYE was born in Connecticut, and married Mercy Howland, a native of Rhode Island, and one of the early teachers of Tioga county. Her parents, John and Lois (Eddy) Howland, came with their son, Dr. Eddy Howland, to Deerfield township in 1803. To Elanson and Mercy Seelye were born fourteen children, as follows: Willard, Ebenezer, John, Mercy, Hulda, Lois, David, Eddy, Chloe, Susan, Roby, Elanson, Malvin and Franklin. Of these Eddy, Elanson, Malvin, Lois and Roby survive. Mr. Seelye died on the old homestead in Deerfield, December 29, 1866, in his seventy-fourth year. His wife died November 25, 1867, in the seventy-fifth year of her age. Like his father, Mr. Seelye was a stanch Democrat, was an adherent of the Quaker faith, and an honored and respected citizen.

DR. EDDY HOWLAND was a son of John Howland, a descendant of John Howland, one of three brothers who came to America in the Mayflower in 1620. The Doctor and his father were among the pioneers of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, locating in what is now Deerfield township in 1803. His father is said to have raised the first tobacco in the Cowanesque valley. Dr. Howland took up a large tract of land, a part of which is still owned by his descendants, which he cleared and improved with the assistance of his sons. He erected a saw-mill in 1804, established a store in 1814, and built a cider-mill in 1817. He spent the remaining years of his life upon the old homestead, and at his death was buried thereon. He married Molly Parker, a native of Massachusetts, and their children were as follows: Roby, who married Benjamin Smith; Reuben, Eunice, second wife of Benjamin Smith; John, Joseph, Polly, Eddy, Prince, and Olive, who married Charles Hackett.

EDDY HOWLAND, son of Dr. Eddy Howland, was born on the old homestead in Deerfield township, Tioga county, March 12, 1808, and resided there until his death, October 23, 1892. He married Charlotte Rexford, a daughter of Dr. John Rexford, of Troupsburg, New York, August 5, 1832, and reared a family of three children, viz: Harriet, wife of Nelson Ray; Charles R., and Maria, wife of William Wagner. Of Quaker ancestry. Mr. Howland always lived up to that creed, and was an estimable and worthy citizen. In politics, he was a Democrat, held the office of commissioner of Tioga county two terms, and for many years was a justice of the peace. It is said that none of his decisions were ever reversed by a higher court.

CHARLES R. HOWLAND, son of Eddy Howland, was born on the old homestead in Deerfield township, Tioga county, August 5, 1836, and obtained his education in the common schools and Union Academy. Farming has been his principal occupation since early manhood, though for fourteen years he followed merchandising at Academy Corners, and has also been extensively engaged in shipping baled hay to eastern markets, having shipped as many as 223 carloads in one winter to one man, besides other large shipments. On October 16, 1859, Mr. Howland married Elizabeth Smith, a daughter of Henry and Phoebe (Cook) Smith, of Nelson township, and has three sons: Ray, Harry and Arthur. In politics, he is an ardent Democrat, has filled various local offices, and was postmaster at Academy Corners one term. Mr. Howland is the owner of two fine farms in Deerfield township, and is one of the progressive farmers of the county.

EMMER BOWEN, SR., a son of Ezra Bowen, and a native of Massachusetts, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1804, and settled in Deerfield township, where

he cleared and improved what is known as the old Bowen homestead. Here he resided until his death, May 3, 1841, aged seventy-one years. His wife, Huldah Howland, was a direct descendant of John Howland, who came to America in the Mayflower. She died July 9, 1847, aged seventy-two years. Their children were as follows: Lois, who married Elisha Train; Orpha, who married Garner Monroe; Cynthia, who married Abram Pease; Samuel, who married Polly Cook; Miriam, who married Ashbel Monroe; Otis D., who married Melinda Luce; Benjamin S., who married Hannah Whitaker; Susannah, who married Theodore Doty; Emmer, who married Nancy A. Clark; Patience, who married Leonard Daniels, and Huldah, who became the wife of Oliver Pease. All the children are dead. The grandchildren of Emmer Bowen, Sr., number over 100, while his descendants by inter-marriage are far more numerous. Mr. Bowen was a Quaker, in religion, and a man of strong character and strict integrity.

EMMER BOWEN was born on the old homestead in Deerfield township, Tioga county, May 27, 1815, a son of Emmer and Huldah Bowen. He was reared midst scenes of pioneer life, and attended the common school of his district. He remained on the old farm up to 1880, when he removed to the home of his son, Enoch E., where he resided until his death, February 7, 1896, at the ripe age of nearly eighty-one years. On December 13, 1837, he married Nancy A. Clark, a daughter of Eleazer and Abigail (Armstrong) Clark, of Deerfield township. She was born in Rhode Island, in 1815, and bore him four children, two of whom grew to maturity, viz: Enoch E., deceased, and Abbie C., wife of Henry E. Hayes, of Brooklyn, New York. The widow lived with her son, Enoch E., in Deerfield township, until his death. In 1840 Mr. Bowen and his brother, Benjamin, in company with a few capitalists, built a large woolen factory in Deerfield township, of which they soon afterwards became sole proprietors. They carried on the business successfully until 1847, when the plant was burned. With characteristic enterprise they immediately rebuilt the mill and continued the business until January, 1863, when it was purchased by the late Joseph Ingham, and is now operated by J. S. Ingham & Sons. Throughout this period Mr. Bowen was also engaged in lumbering and farming. He was a man of strong convictions and inflexible principles, thoroughly unselfish, and possessing unbounded faith and confidence in his fellowmen. He was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the community in which his entire life was passed, and his jovial manners and lovable traits caused him to be widely known by the title of "Uncle Emmer." Mr. Bowen was for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a pioneer in the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. societies. In politics, he was originally a Whig, and a Republican from the birth of that party.

ENOCH E. BOWEN, son of Emmer and Nancy A. Bowen, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, October 6, 1838, there grew to manhood, and spent his entire life near the place of his birth. He lived on the old homestead up to 1880, when he purchased a farm in the same township, on which he died, April 17, 1896. Mr. Bowen was married to Addie Guinnip, a daughter of R. H. and Adeline (Canan) Guinnip, of Elmira, May 7, 1874. Politically, he was an ardent Republican. He was a quiet, unpretentious man, a good neighbor, and an affectionate son.

BENJAMIN S. BOWEN, a son of Emmer Bowen, Sr., was born in Deerfield town-

ship, Tioga county, in 1807, and spent his entire life on the old homestead. He married Hannah C., a daughter of Jabez B. and Thankful (Champlin) Whitaker, who came from Rhode Island. Mrs. Bowen's brother, John C. Whitaker, was a leading physician of Tioga county, and also filled the office of associate judge. She became the mother of ten children, viz: Laura, who married J. D. Ray; John, Samuel B., Mary, who married J. W. Allen; George C., Benjamin F., Sarah M., wife of Dr. A. J. Heggie; Emmer H., Ezra R. and William H. Mr. Bowen died in 1889, aged eighty-two years. From early manhood he was a member of the Free Baptist church, and in politics, a Republican.

GEORGE C. BOWEN, son of Benjamin S. and Hannah C. Bowen, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, November 11, 1838, and was reared in his native township. He was educated in the common schools and at Union Academy, then under the charge of Samuel B. Price, its founder. In 1859 he commenced clerking, and followed that vocation until 1874. Politically, he has always been a Republican. In the winter of 1874-75, he was doorkeeper of the Senate at Harrisburg. In 1875 he was elected register and recorder of Tioga county, and was re-elected three times in succession, filling the office four terms. During President Harrison's administration, he was private secretary for the Commissioner of Customs two years, at Washington, D. C. Since 1892 he has made his home in Elmira, New York, and is at present a commercial traveler. In 1860, Mr. Bowen married Hannah P. Stebbins, a daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Pierce) Stebbins, of Jamestown, New York, and has three children: Charles R., Martha S., wife of G. J. Stewart, and Anna P. Mr. Bowen is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the K. of H.

JOHN GOODSPEED, SR., was born in Vermont, in 1801, a son of Cornelius and Phoebe Goodspeed, and grandson of Anthony and Abigail Goodspeed. In 1813 the family came to Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where the parents spent the remaining years of their lives. John grew to manhood amidst the scenes of pioneer days and acquired a good education for that period. He taught school and also followed surveying, being employed by the Bingham estate as one of their land agents and surveyors up to 1836. In that capacity he became widely known throughout the Cowanesque valley. About this time he engaged in merchandising at Knoxville, which business he followed many years, and also dealt quite extensively in lumber. His long residence in Knoxville and his business enterprise entitles him to recognition as one of its leading pioneers. Mr. Goodspeed died in that town, August 26, 1864, in the sixty-fourth year of his age. His wife, Orril (Scott) Goodspeed, a daughter of Luke Scott, survived him one year, dying August 13, 1865, in the sixty-seventh year of her age. They were the parents of seven children, named as follows: Francis, John, Charles, Emily, Samuel, Charlotte and James.

JOHN GOODSPEED, JR., was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, November 15, 1822, second son of John Goodspeed, Sr. He was reared in his native town and there engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed until his removal to Sabinsville, where he died August 23, 1895. He married Melissa A. Phillips, a native of Shippen township, Tioga county. She was born June 21, 1828, a daughter of Richard and Amity Phillips, a grand-daughter of Sylvester and Rachel Phillips, and great-grand-daughter of Richard and Mercy Phillips, and died in Sabinsville, Janu-

ary 5, 1894. They were the parents of four children, viz: John Francis, James C., Mary and Ella.

JOHN F. GOODSPEED was born in Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, December 8, 1854, and is the eldest son of John and Melissa A. (Phillips) Goodspeed. He was reared in Deerfield township, and educated in the public schools of Knoxville, Pennsylvania, and Elmira, New York. For two years he was engaged in the grocery trade at Knoxville, and in 1884 located at Sabinsville, where for ten years he was manager of a general store. In 1894 he embarked in the grocery, and boot and shoe business at Sabinsville, which he continued up to the spring of 1896. In politics, he is a Republican, and has filled the office of treasurer of Clymer township since 1891. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also of the K. of H. Mr. Goodspeed was married January 30, 1877, to Ida Johnson, a daughter of Joel and Caroline (Ives) Johnson, of Knoxville. They are the parents of three children, named as follows: Leon F., Charles L. and James G.

JAMES C. GOODSPEED, now a prominent insurance man of Rochester, New York, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1858, the second son of John and Melissa A. (Phillips) Goodspeed, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families of the county. He was reared in Deerfield, attended the public schools of that township, and later the Elmira Academy, and graduated from Warner's Business College, Elmira, New York, in the class of 1879. In 1881 he embarked in the general insurance business at Knoxville, which he successfully prosecuted here in connection with dealing in real estate, until his removal to Rochester, New York. Mr. Goodspeed was married December 15, 1880, to Gertrude Crandall, a daughter of Silas G. and Mary (Weeks) Crandall, of Nelson township, Tioga county. They are the parents of seven children, viz: Mary M., Eva G., Helen C., Grace, Gertrude, Irving and Jeannie S. In politics, Mr. Goodspeed is a Democrat, and has filled several local offices in Knoxville. He is a R. A. M. in the Masonic order, also a K. T. of Tyagaghton Commandery.

CHARLES CARPENTER, a native of New England, was one of the first settlers of the Cowanesque valley. He located on the site of Osceola, but a few years later removed to Deerfield township and settled on the farm now occupied by the widow of Lorentes Carpenter, which he partially cleared and improved. He died upon that farm, as did also his parents, who came with him to Tioga county. His wife was Lucy Darling, and they had a family of six children, viz: James, Abijah, Charles, Sylvia, who married N. P. Robinson; Lyman, and Samuel.

LYMAN CARPENTER, a son of Charles Carpenter, was born May 5, 1796, and was reared to manhood in Deerfield township. After his father's death, he succeeded to the homestead farm, but later in life sold it and moved to Brookfield township and thence to Farmington, where he died February 19, 1873. He was twice married. His first wife was Almira Cook, a daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Calkins) Cook, who bore him a family of twelve children, as follows: Elizabeth, who married Curtis Tiffany; Lorentes, Arthur, Polly, whose first husband was Eldridge Rathbone, and second husband John Casner; Levi, Celestia, who married Caleb Staddon; Sylvia, who married Charles Cronrath; Charles, Valores B., Maxey B., Samantha, who first married Wallace Green and afterwards Norman Bovee, and George B. Mr. Carpenter's second wife was Mrs. Alta Elwood.

LORENTES CARPENTER, eldest son of Lyman and Almira Carpenter, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, April 4, 1822. He was reared on the homestead, and during the sixties located on the farm now the home of his son, Willard S., where he resided six years. He then purchased the Carpenter homestead, and lived there until his death, October 7, 1893. He married Lois Seelye, a daughter of Elanson and Mercy (Howland) Seelye, May 14, 1846. On the paternal side, she was a grand-daughter of Ebenezer and Mahetabel (Todd) Seelye, and on the maternal side, of John and Lois (Eddy) Howland, all pioneers of Tioga county. She bore him the following children: Mercy S., deceased; Willard S., A. Delphine, who married Ephraim Shaut; Della, who married Grant Seely; Hattie, Belle, widow of C. Ellsworth Clark; Clara, deceased wife of John Northrop; Frank, and Frances, twins. Frank married Mamie Harrison, and Frances is dead. Mr. Carpenter was a member of the Free Will Baptist church, and in politics, a Democrat. His widow lives on the old homestead.

WILLARD S. CARPENTER, eldest son of Lorentes Carpenter, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, November 24, 1848. He was reared upon the homestead farm, and obtained his education in the public schools and Union Academy. He has spent his entire life in Deerfield township, and has resided upon his present farm of 225 acres since 1886, sixty acres of which he cleared. Mr. Carpenter was married May 14, 1873, to Emma Daniels, a daughter of Henry F. and Esther (Close) Daniels, of Deerfield township, who has had four children, viz: Leah, wife of Frank J. Doan; Fred L., Ada E., and Walter L., deceased. In politics, he is a Democrat, and in religion, a member of the Baptist church. He is one of the representative farmers of Deerfield township, as well as a descendant of two of the oldest families of Tioga county.

ELEAZER CLARK was born in Burrellsville, Rhode Island, October 6, 1788, a son of Capt. Eleazer and Prudence Clark. His father was a farmer and cooper, was captain of a company during the Revolution, and lived and died in Rhode Island. Our subject was reared in that State, was a cooper by trade, and came to Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1817, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Elias H. It embraces 200 acres, which he cleared and improved. He followed his trade in connection with agriculture for upwards of forty years, and was regarded as the best mechanic in his line for miles around. Mr. Clark was twice married. His first wife was Abigail Armstrong, of Rhode Island, who became the mother of five children, viz: Nancy, who married Emmer Bowen; Roswell, William, Eleazer, and Abigail, who married Enoch Steere. His second wife of Rosamond Salisbury, a daughter of John Salisbury, of Elkland, Tioga county. Five children were born to this union, viz: Erastus, George W., Sarah J., wife of Franklin Fairchilds; Elias H. and Susan H. Mr. Clark died on the old homestead in Deerfield township, October 7, 1862, being one day over seventy-four years old. He was an enterprising and progressive farmer, a good citizen and kind neighbor. In politics, he was a Democrat, and always took a commendable interest in public affairs.

ELIAS H. CLARK, youngest son of Eleazer and Rosamond Clark, was born on the old homestead in Deerfield township, Tioga county, April 28, 1836, and obtained his education in the common schools and Union Academy. He has spent

his entire life upon the old homestead, which he inherited from his father. He has been an extensive tobacco grower since 1882, and is a breeder of Holstein cattle, and has been a breeder of Hambletonian and Percheron horses. Mr. Clark was married May 11, 1862, to Marietta Close, a daughter of David and Maria (Sweet) Close, of Westfield, Tioga county. Six children have blessed this union, viz: Byron L., Cecil A., Rosamond M., Clare E. and Horton E. In politics, Mr. Clark is a Republican, is connected with the E. A. U., and is recognized as a progressive and enterprising farmer.

CECIL A. CLARK, son of Elias H. and Marietta (Close) Clark, was born on the old Clark homestead in Deerfield township, Tioga county, February 13, 1864, where he also grew to manhood. He was educated at the Osceola High School, and since attaining his majority has been engaged in farming. In 1884 he removed to Brookfield township, remaining there until 1894, when he located in Westfield township, where he has since been engaged in farming, making a specialty of raising potatoes and buying and selling stock. Mr. Clark was married December 21, 1885, to Ida Grist, a daughter of Chester and Amanda (Bowman) Grist, of Athens, Pennsylvania, and has four children, viz: Earl E., Marietta, Ivan L., and Manning. In politics, he is a Republican; is a member of the F. & A. M., and the I. O. O. F., and is one of the successful farmers of the township.

C. ELSWORTH CLARK was born in Osceola, Tioga county, August 25, 1861, a son of Eleazer and Julia (Johnson) Clark, of Steuben county, New York. His father was a native of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, a son of Eleazer Clark, Sr. Elsworth was educated in Osceola and at the business college in Elmira, New York, graduating in both places. He later took charge of the old Clark homestead in Steuben county, and afterwards of the old Carpenter homestead in Tioga county, and was a thrifty, prosperous farmer. He married Belle Carpenter, a daughter of Lorentes and Lois Carpenter, who survives him. Mr. Clark died November 29, 1893, leaving two children, Clarence E. and Loren C.

JOSEPH FALKNER, SR., a native of New York state, was one of the early settlers of Deerfield township, Tioga county, where he cleared and improved a farm now the home of the widow of his sons, William and Joseph. Here he died in 1838. He married Phoebe Monroe, and reared a large family, eight of whom grew to maturity. William served in the Civil War and died in a hospital at Washington, D. C., June 21, 1864; Margaret, married William Hoskins; Levi, died in Knoxville; Elizabeth, married Silas Finch; Mary J., married John Cook; Lucinda, married Smith Cornell; Joseph, died in Deerfield township, and Phoebe, married Miles Finch.

JOSEPH FALKNER, JR., was born on the old homestead in Deerfield township, Tioga county, April 25, 1829, and spent the greater portion of his life thereon, making farming his vocation. On June 29, 1865, he married Mrs. Eleanor Falkner, widow of his brother, William, and daughter of William and Polly (Humphrey) Wass, pioneers of Chatham township. Mrs. Falkner was born near Elmira, New York, but was reared in Chatham township, Tioga county. She was married at her father's home to William Falkner, after whose death she became the wife of his brother, Joseph, who died March 16, 1895. In politics, Mr. Falkner was a Democrat.

LEVI FAULKNER was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1814, and died at Knoxville, January 20, 1889, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He was a son of Joseph and Phoebe (Monroe) Faulkner, of New York, who were among the early settlers of Tioga county. He was reared in Deerfield, and after his parents' death had charge of the homestead farm until his marriage, when he started out in life for himself, settling on a farm immediately east of Knoxville, which is yet in possession of his widow. Mr. Faulkner was twice married. His first wife was Polly Butler, of Otsego county, New York. She died September 1, 1863, in her fiftieth year. In September, 1864, he married Miss Sarah A. Dearman, a daughter of George and Olive (Beach) Dearman, and sister of Albert and Justus Dearman, a sketch of whom appears in this chapter. She is the mother of two children: Mary L., and Wilson, the latter of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Faulkner resides in Knoxville. Mr. Faulkner dealt quite extensively in live stock, was a careful, honest business man, and was respected most by those who knew him best.

SILAS BILLINGS took a conspicuous part in the lumbering business on the Cowanesque river and Pine creek in early days, and for many years was one of the leading operators in this section of the State. He was born in Amherst, Massachusetts, May 23, 1790, and in 1820 settled on Seely creek, in Southport township, Chemung county, New York, where he operated a linseed oil and wool-carding mill. In 1822 he sold his factory and removed to Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, purchasing large tracts of timber lands on the Cowanesque. Here he built an extensive pearl ashery in 1823, and the same year he and his brother-in-law, Col. Hiram Freeborn, erected a distillery, which business he carried on several years. He also opened a store in the village and was the leading merchant of Knoxville for a long period. In 1824 he erected a linseed-oil mill, and the following year a grist-mill; operated several saw-mills and a tannery at different periods, and conducted a hotel for the accommodation of travelers from 1826 to 1840, thus setting an example of business enterprise to the people of the valley. During this period he made extensive purchases of timber lands on Pine creek, operated saw-mills in what is now Gaines township, and rafted the lumber down Pine creek to Harrisburg and other southern markets. Mr. Billings was one of the most prompt and reliable lumbermen that did business on the Susquehanna in those days. In many respects he was quite eccentric, but was frank, outspoken and scrupulously honest. When he came into Tioga county the forest along Pine creek was almost unbroken, and no man of his day in the county made a better record in the development of its great lumber interests. For seventeen years he labored in the mill, in the woods and on the river, getting his lumber and timber to market. In 1840 he removed from Knoxville to Elmira, New York, and purchased the first brick building erected in that city, in which he lived the remaining years of his life, dying August 28, 1853, in his sixty-fourth year. While residing in Elmira he still kept an eye on his business affairs in Tioga county, and after recuperating his broken health, he returned occasionally to Gaines township, where his sons, Silas X. and Charles F., and son-in-law, P. S. S. McNeil, were living, and prosecuted his business with increased vigor up to the time of his death. Mr. Billings was married four times. His first wife was Lauriette Freeborn, a daughter of

David Freeborn, of Cazenovia, Madison county, New York. She died in Cazenovia, leaving three children, viz: Lauriette, David and Nancy. His second wife was Abby Freeborn, his first wife's sister, who became the mother of Silas X., Abbie B., widow of P. S. S. McNeil, who lives in Elmira, and Charles F., a resident of the same city. Mrs. Billings died at Knoxville, February 16, 1831, and he was again married to Rosette Chapman, who bore him one daughter, Mary, now the widow of John Dexter. His last wife was Rachel Sloan, a native of Philadelphia, who survived her husband three years.

SILAS X. BILLINGS, for many years one of the most prominent and successful citizens of Tioga county, was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1826, a son of Silas and Abby (Freeborn) Billings. His father was an extensive lumberman on the Cowanesque river and Pine creek, and Silas X. thus became acquainted with the details of the lumber business. In 1840 his father removed to Elmira, New York, where our subject acquired a good English education in the Elmira Academy. In 1847 he was sent to take charge of the timber lands owned by his father in Gaines and Elk townships, located on Pine creek, and Cedar and Slate runs. Here a steam saw-mill was erected under the management of Mr. Billings and P. S. S. McNeil. In 1853 his father died, and Silas X. was appointed one of the administrators to settle the estate, which he successfully carried out at the end of two years, taking his own share of the estate in wild lands in Tioga county. In 1855 he located permanently at Gaines, where he continued to reside until his death. January 5, 1865, he married Miss Sarah M. Locke, a daughter of Jesse and Laura Locke, who survives him, and now resides in Wellsboro. Mr. Billings was a man of great energy, methodical business habits, and unsullied integrity. He purchased large tracts of coal and timber lands, erected mills, stores, tanneries and hotels, and was eminently successful in all his undertakings. He was prominently associated with the early struggles to obtain and keep alive the charter for the Jersey Shore, Pine Creek and Buffalo railroad (now the Pine Creek), which in the face of great opposition succeeded, though he did not live to see the road built. A few months before his death, he was prevailed upon by his friends to seek medical relief and repose, and went to New York City to consult eminent physicians. On his return, while visiting his sister, Mrs. McNeil, at Elmira, New York, he was stricken with an attack of Bright's disease, from which, however, he rallied and returned to his home in Gaines. Some three weeks later he was again prostrated by the same insidious disease, and on the morning of October 13, 1879, his spirit took its flight. His remains were interred in the Wellsboro Cemetery, where a beautiful granite monument, erected by his loving wife, marks his last resting place. Politically, he was a life-long Democrat, but aside from performing the duties of citizenship, took no active interest in public affairs. Mr. Billings was a genial companion, a true and steadfast friend, an affectionate husband, generous and open hearted to the poor and suffering, and ever ready to give his encouragement and support to the upbuilding of the social and material interests of his native county.

CHARLES FREEBORN BILLINGS was born in the old Billings homestead at Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, erected by his father in 1823, and yet standing in the western limits of the borough, February 16, 1831, and is the young-

est son of Silas and Abby Billings. He spent his childhood in his native town, and removed with his father to Elmira, New York, in 1840, where he attended school until sixteen years of age. He then returned to Tioga county to assist his brother, Silas X., in the lumber business established by their father, where his delicate constitution rapidly improved, drinking in the pure air of the pine forest and eating the homely fare of camp life. After becoming familiar with the lumber business, he had charge of various departments, finally returning to Elmira and spending two years at school. After his father's death he gave his attention to the farming interests of the large estate, while his brother had charge of the lumber business. In the winter of 1858 Mr. Billings met Miss Helena Sweet, fourth daughter of Rev. Elisha Sweet, a Methodist Episcopal minister then laboring in the circuit embracing Knoxville, and September 13, 1859, the young couple were married and settled on a fine farm of 225 acres on Troup's creek, in Deerfield township, a short distance from Knoxville. Here they resided some twenty years, when the death of his brother placed an estate of about 40,000 acres of timber, coal and farm lands, lying in Tioga and Potter counties, under his control, besides one-half of the personal property. Removing to Elmira, he has since devoted his attention principally to the management of the property which then came to himself and sister, Mrs. McNeil. Mr. Billings has been identified with the development of his native county since early manhood, and usually spends the summer months in Knoxville. He assisted in securing the construction of the Addison and Pennsylvania railroad, which has proven a great benefit to the Cowanesque valley and the vast lumbering and coal interests of western Tioga. Mr. and Mrs. Billings are the parents of four daughters, viz: Carrie, wife of Preston Gilbert, of New York City; Jessie, wife of Willis Beach, of Knoxville; Abbie, wife of Horace Brewster, of Elmira, and Louise, wife of Edward T. Youmans, a resident of the same city. Politically, Mr. Billings voted with the Republican party until after the presidential election of 1876, when believing that Samuel J. Tilden was the legally-elected president of the United States, and was defrauded out of the office by the Republican leaders, he left that party and has since been an independent voter, though he generally supports the Democracy on state and national issues. Possessing large means, he gives liberally to religious, charitable and educational objects. The Billings Park at Knoxville is one of his gifts to the people of his native village.

COL. HIRAM FREEBORN was born in Cazenovia, New York, in 1799, a son of David Freeborn, and there grew to manhood. He came to Tioga county in 1822 with Silas Billings, his brother-in-law, and located at Knoxville, where he became a partner of Mr. Billings in a distillery, which he subsequently carried on by himself for many years. He also engaged in farming, clearing up the land now occupied by his son, D. L., upon which he lived and died. He married Cynthia Lorinda Thompson, a daughter of Joseph Thompson, and a native of Otsego county, New York. To this union were born three children, viz: Levantia W., who married Levi B. Reynolds; DeLancy, of Knoxville, and Viola, who married William Mead. Colonel Freeborn held various township offices, and was prominent in the militia during the early years of the county's history. He was a Democrat until the breaking out of the war, when he became a Republican. In religion, he was a

member of the Congregational church, and died in that faith in 1889, in the ninetyeth year of his age. Throughout the greater portion of his residence in Knoxville, Colonel Freeborn was one of its prominent and influential citizens, and his name is closely interwoven with the history of the town.

LEVI B. REYNOLDS was a native of Rhode Island, and a son of William and Lydia (Church) Reynolds, of that State. When Levi B. was about seven years old his parents removed to Spring Mills, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood and learned the mercantile business with Judge Gaylord Colvin. He later became a merchant at Burus, New York, in partnership with Ira Davenport, of Bath, who furnished the capital against young Reynolds' business experience. In 1847 the firm located in Knoxville, Tioga county, where the business was continued, under the firm name of Levi B. Reynolds, in a store building owned by his father-in-law, Col. Hiram Freeborn. After his marriage to Levantia W. Freeborn, Mr. Reynolds bought his partner's interest and continued the business up to 1870. In that year he removed to Wellsboro, where he followed merchandising until 1874, when his store was destroyed by fire. Returning to Knoxville he again embarked in merchandising, which he carried on until he was succeeded by his son, William D., and his son-in-law, H. T. Gilbert. He then devoted his attention to his real estate interests until his death, October 31, 1891, aged seventy-two years. Mr. Reynolds was a careful and honest business man, and highly respected for his many sterling qualities. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and also of the I. O. O. F. and E. A. U. societies. He filled the office of postmaster at Knoxville, as well as other local positions. His widow and three children survive him, viz: Mrs. Ella C. Gilbert and William D., both residents of Elmira, New York, and Mrs. Effie L. Beach, of Knoxville.

HIRAM GILBERT was born in New England, March 6, 1796, and came to Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1824, where he worked at the carpenter's trade. He later engaged in the boot and shoe business at Knoxville, which he carried on there upwards of thirty years. He then purchased a couple of farms in Deerfield township, now owned and occupied by his sons, Wallace and George, and died on that occupied by the former, June 10, 1871, in his seventy-sixth year. His wife was Eunice Powers, of Cuba, New York, who bore him six children, as follows: Wallace, Mortimer, George, Eleanor, Truman and Emmett.

GEORGE GILBERT, third son of Hiram Gilbert, was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, June 27, 1829, there grew to manhood, and was educated in the public schools and at Union Academy. Soon after attaining his majority, he engaged in farming in Deerfield township, which vocation he has since continued, and for twenty-five years he also followed cattle droving. During the Rebellion, he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-fifth Pennsylvania Militia, known as Emergency Men, who were called out for the purpose of repelling Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania. On October 3, 1854, Mr. Gilbert married Emeline Butler, a daughter of John and Anna (Guy) Butler, of Otsego county, New York, and has three sons living: Frank L., Eugene and Jerome. Mr. Gilbert is a member of the E. A. U., and in politics, is an adherent of the Republican party.

FRANK L. GILBERT, eldest son of George Gilbert, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, September 9, 1856. He was educated in the public schools

of Knoxville and at the State Normal School, Mansfield, after which he taught for two terms. In 1877 he embarked in the drug business at Knoxville, in which he has continued up to the present, being recognized to-day as the leading druggist of the borough. Mr. Gilbert was married March 14, 1879, to Eva M. Buckbee, a daughter of Daniel H. and Emeline (Hammond) Buckbee, of Knoxville. They are the parents of three children: Maud, Dora and Arthur B. In politics, Mr. Gilbert is a stanch Republican, and was postmaster of Knoxville for four years during Harrison's administration. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and the I. O. R. M.

JOHN E. WHITE was born in Wyndham county, Connecticut, May 26, 1809, a son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Bottum) White. His father was born in Connecticut, June 8, 1780, and died December 18, 1866. He was married four times. His first wife was Sarah Bottum, whom he married October 1, 1801. She was born November 18, 1776, and died August 21, 1813. Their children were Malinda, Joseph M., John E., Mary Ann and Sarah. His second wife was Elizabeth Bottum, who bore him two children, Sumner P. and Sophronia. His third wife was Alice Hartson, who became the mother of seven children, named as follows: George A., Freeman, Earl A., Angeline, Sophronia, Charles and Henry. His fourth wife was Anna Parkhurst, to which union were born four children, viz: Lester, Eliza Ann, Sarah A., and Lucian. John E. White came with his brother, Joseph M., to Nelson, Tioga county, in 1831, where they worked at blacksmithing, which business they had learned in Connecticut. In 1833 John E. removed to Knoxville, where he continued working at his trade. His brother remained at Nelson, where he afterwards filled the office of postmaster for many years. The subject of this sketch was twice married. His first wife was Minerva C. Baker, a daughter of Abisha and Martha (Lytle) Baker, of Nelson, Tioga county, whom he married September 23, 1832. She became the mother of three children, viz: Sumner P., Susan B. and Malvina D., who married Enos Nichols. Mrs. Minerva C. White died June 18, 1849. On September 16, 1850, he married Dolly Knox, a daughter of William Knox, who settled in Deerfield township, Tioga county, in 1798, and a sister of John C. Knox, a distinguished jurist, at one time a judge of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. She died April 19, 1875. Four children were born to this marriage, viz: John C., James B., Newell R., and Emily K., wife of Richard Hill. Mr. White was an ardent Republican, and filled the office of justice of the peace in Knoxville for thirty-three years. He was a member of the Baptist church, also of the I. O. O. F., and is one of the well-remembered pioneers of the borough, where the greater portion of his life was passed. He died in Knoxville, January 31, 1884.

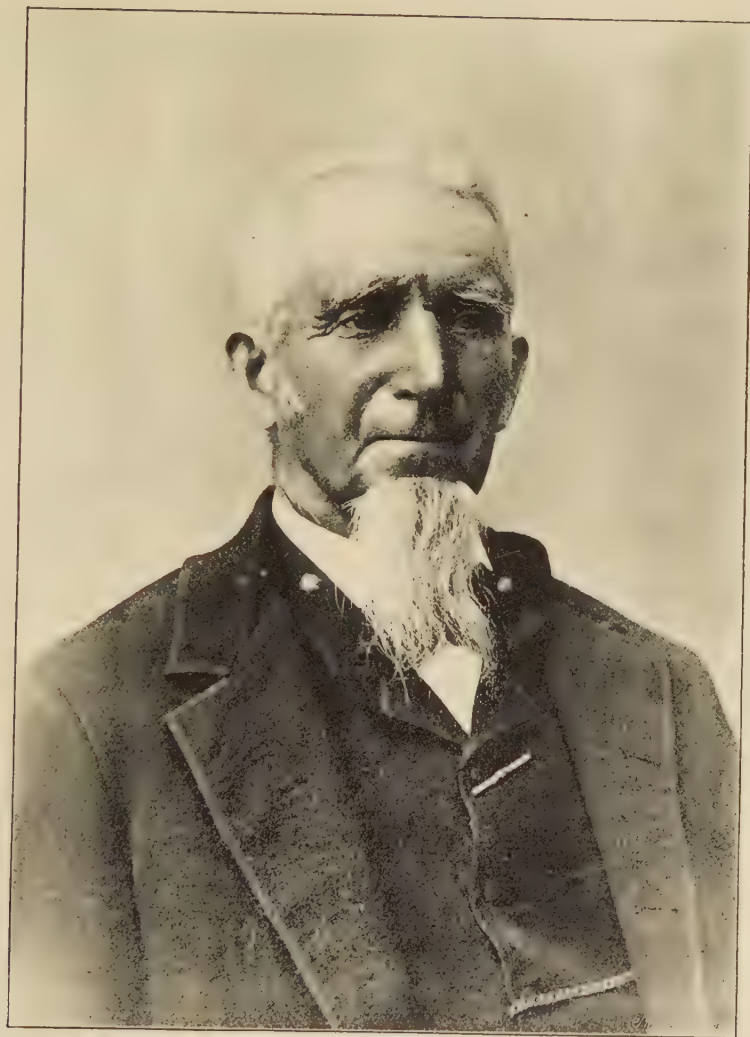
JOHN C. WHITE, son of John E. and Dolly (Knox) White, was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, October 11, 1851. He was reared in his native village, and obtained his education in the public schools and Union Academy. On attaining his majority, he followed the vocation of a painter and paper-hanger several years, and for nine years was constable and collector of Knoxville. Since 1885 he has been the clerk of the Adams House at Knoxville, and has been manager of the same since the fall of 1893. Mr. White was married June 23, 1878, to Laura M. Knox, a daughter of Archibald and Julia A. (White) Knox, of Deerfield township. Mrs. White was born in that township June 20, 1853, and has one son, J. Archie, born September 3, 1887. Mr. White is a member of the F. & A. M., the K. of H., the K. & L. of H.,

and the I. F. A. In politics, he is a Republican, has been a member of the borough council six years, and president of the board for two years.

NEWELL R. WHITE, son of John E. and Dolly White, was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, May 30, 1860. His education was acquired in the common schools of his native town. From 1880 to 1884 he was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company as a member of the pipe-line force. During the next three years he was in the employ of the American House at Westfield. In 1890 he leased the Park Hotel at Tioga and conducted that house for a year and a half. He then located in Wellsboro and for four years was engaged in the manufacture of cider and vinegar. Since September, 1895, he has been employed in the Coles House. Mr. White was married March 2, 1889, to Margaret E. Lane, a daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth Lane, of Westfield, and has three children, viz: William Francis, John C., deceased, and Marguerite. In politics, Mr. White is a Democrat, and was elected an inspector of election in Wellsboro in February, 1896. He is a member of Tioga Lodge, No. 374, F. & A. M., Tioga, and of Wellsboro Lodge, No. 273, K. of P.

DANIEL ANGELL was born in the town of New Berlin, Chenango county, New York, March 24, 1809, a son of Daniel and Cynthia (Burlingame) Angell. He was reared in his native county, and learned the tanner's and shoemaker's trades. In 1842 he located in Nelson township, Tioga county, where he worked for Joel Campbell two years. In 1844 he came to Knoxville, and the same year erected a tannery, with which he was actively connected up to 1859, manufacturing mostly finished leather in calf, kipp, upper and some sole leather. During this time he also ran a shoe shop, and nearly all the leather made in the tannery was made up into boots and shoes for the surrounding country, thus giving employment to a large number of men. In 1859 he sold the tannery to A. D. Knox in exchange for a farm about two miles west of Knoxville, where for the next twelve years, or until about 1871, he was actively engaged in farming and clearing land. In this line of work he also gave employment to a number of men. In 1868 he again became the owner of the tannery, which he thoroughly repaired, putting in steam power and many modern improvements, and in addition to his farm business, he, in connection with his sons, Delos D. and William Darius, carried on the tanning business until the spring of 1872, when he sold the tannery to his son William Darius and the balance of his property to other parties, and moved to Grafton, Fillmore county, Nebraska, where he worked at farming until the spring of 1896, when he sold out and returned to Knoxville, where he now resides. He was always one of the leading business men of the community in which he lived. He married Mary A. Tiffany, a daughter of Humphrey and Hannah (Mathewson) Tiffany, of Norwich, New York. She bore him six children, viz: Daniel Delos, born March 15, 1839; William D., September 14, 1844; Adelbert L., August 27, 1846; Orrin, October 20, 1848; Edward, May 18, 1854, who died December 4, 1890, and Albert, May 18, 1854, who died in childhood. Mrs. Angell died July 20, 1890. Mr. Angell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, a Republican.

WILLIAM DARIUS ANGELL, second son of Daniel Angell, was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, Pa., September 14, 1844, and has spent his entire life in his native place. He was educated in the common schools and at Union Academy, and began his business career on a farm. He engaged in the tanning business in



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1868, followed it for ten years, and then embarked in general merchandising, which he still continues. Mr. Angell was married December 24, 1865, to Jennie E. Howland, a daughter of Willard and Minerva (Luce) Howland, of Deerfield township, and has three living children, viz: Bertha M., born February 3, 1868, wife of George H. Fowler; Ellen I., born February 6, 1870, and Ruth M., June 18, 1878. Melvin D., born October 8, 1874, died August 15, 1876. Mr. Angell is a member of the E. A. U. and K. of H., and is an ardent supporter of the Democratic Free Silver party.

WILLARD HOWLAND was born in Exeter, New York, March 15, 1806, a son of Willard and Polly (Munyan) Howland, and grandson of John Howland. His father was an operator in the cotton mills of Webster, Massachusetts; a deacon in the Baptist church, and reared a family of twenty children. The subject of this sketch married Minerva Luce, a daughter of Jonathan and Mahetabel (Bates) Luce, and in 1836 came to Tioga county and found employment in the woolen factory in Deerfield township. He returned to Massachusetts twice, coming to this county the last time in 1861, and dying September 18, 1889. His widow is still living at the age of eighty-nine years. She is the mother of five children, named as follows: Henry W., born June 21, 1831; Erastus J., May 23, 1833; Mary M., May 8, 1835, who died January 11, 1894; Melvin, February 9, 1838, and Jennie E., June 24, 1842, now the wife of W. D. Angell. Erastus J. went to Kansas in 1867, when the free soil and pro-slavery trouble was the issue there, and was actively engaged in it. His friends in the east had letters from him for some time afterward, when they ceased, since which the most earnest efforts have failed to find any trace of him. Melvin enlisted in the Fifteenth Volunteer Cavalry, July 12, 1861, in the War of the Rebellion, and died in the hospital at Poolsville, Maryland, August 27, 1861, having been in the United States service only a little over a month. Henry W. is now living in Camden, New Jersey, and is engaged in the mercantile business.

GEORGE H. FOWLER, son of Charles W. and Lucy A. (Harney) Fowler, was born in Jacksonville, Tompkins county, New York, September 18, 1867. He received a common school education; afterward studied pharmacy, and has since followed the business of a druggist. He was married June 25, 1890, to Bertha M., eldest daughter of W. D. and Jennie E. Angell. They are the parents of one daughter, Irma, born June 30, 1892. Mr. Fowler is a resident of Knoxville.

ALBERT AND JUSTUS DEARMAN, sons of George and Olive (Beach) Dearman, were born in Groton, Tompkins county, New York, the former October 12, 1824, and the latter September 8, 1829. Their father was a son of George and Sally Dearman, and was a skillful mechanic and an artist of considerable ability. He died in Knoxville, December 7, 1867, aged sixty-nine years. He was a member of the Baptist church, and a temperate, industrious, good citizen. His wife died August 12, 1833. They were the parents of four children, viz: Albert, Sarah A., Justus and Jane, the last two of whom are dead. In early manhood Albert worked with his father at the house-painter's trade. In 1844 he came to Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and entered the employ of his uncle, O. P. Beach, in whose store he clerked for one-half year, when his uncle took him into partnership under the firm name of Beach & Dearman. In 1849 the firm dissolved, and Justus Dearman then came to Knoxville and formed a partnership with his brother, for the

sale of merchandise, the combined capital not exceeding \$1,000. The firm of A. & J. Dearman existed for fifteen years, and by fair dealing and strict attention to business prospered beyond their expectations. At the end of that period the firm dissolved by mutual consent, Justus continuing the business at the old stand. In 1871 his store was destroyed by fire, and in 1873 he erected the substantial business house which he occupied until his death, December 14, 1880. Justus Dearman never married. He possessed great taste and pride in his home and surroundings, and his store and grounds were arranged and ornamented under his personal supervision. He was a liberal contributor towards any project for the benefit of his adopted town, while he was known as one of the most lenient creditors. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery, at Osceola, in a lot which has been beautifully fitted up with all the attention brotherly affection could suggest. Albert Dearman remains as he has been for many years, one of the leading merchants of Knoxville, and is probably the oldest merchant in Tioga county in continuous business. He married October 1, 1861, Jennie Sutliff, a daughter of Case and Jane (Dearman) Sutliff, of Dryden, Tompkins county, New York, and has two children living: Charlie G. and Everett J. Mr. Dearman is a Republican, and has been burgess of Knoxville fifteen years, being last re-elected in 1894 for a term of three years. He has also served several terms as a school director. In religious belief, he is a Free-Thinker.

WILLIAM MARKHAM was born in England, July 6, 1817, a son of John Markham, who came to the United States in 1823 and located near Ithaca, New York, whence the family removed to Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. John Markham was one of the early settlers of Deerfield, where he cleared a farm of over 200 acres. Towards the close of his life he removed to Knoxville and died at the age of eighty-five years. He was twice married. His second wife was Mrs. Catharine Cornell, nee Quick. He reared five children: Samuel, William, George, Thomas, and Ann, who married Thomas Kymes. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in Deerfield township, where he was engaged in farming, and also worked at the carpenter's trade for many years. During the Civil War he carried on a hardware store in Knoxville, in company with Giles Roberts. His wife, Betsey, was a daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Baker) Giles, of Deerfield, and bore him four children, viz: Mary A., wife of William Morse; Albert, Charles D., and Sophronia, wife of Guy R. Kelts. Mr. Markham died on July 12, 1883, from injuries received by falling from a scaffold. He was a member of the Christian church, and in politics, a Republican.

ALBERT MARKHAM, eldest son of William Markham, and grandson of John Markham, was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, December 27, 1850, and has always lived in his native place. He obtained a common school education and also attended Union Academy. After spending two years at the harness maker's trade, he embarked in business for himself in 1873, and, with the exception of five years, has continued in that business up to the present. Mr. Markham married Mary Fisk, a daughter of Orlando and Catharine (Loomis) Fisk, of Knoxville, February 13, 1876, and has two children, Walter and Mabel. In politics, Mr. Markham is a Republican, and has filled various local offices. He is a member of the F. & A. M.,

the I. O. O. F., the K. O. T. M., and the I. O. R. M. societies, in all of which he takes an active interest.

GILES ROBERTS, a prominent merchant of Knoxville, was born in Cincinnatus, Cortland county, New York, March 10, 1832, and is a son of Samuel and Eliza (Green) Roberts. The Roberts family came from Connecticut, and the Green family from Rhode Island. Mr. Roberts was reared in his native county until sixteen years of age, and obtained a common school education. In 1848 he went to Rhode Island, where he served an apprenticeship of three years at the tinner's trade, and later worked as a journeyman in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. In 1853 he settled at Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and the same year embarked in the tin and stove business, as a member of the firm of Markham & Roberts, which partnership existed for ten years. He then purchased his partner's interest, and has since carried on a general hardware business. During this period he was also a member of the firm of Markham & Roberts, lumber dealers, and did quite an extensive business in that line. In January, 1855, Mr. Roberts married Helen Dunham, a daughter of William and Ruby (Mattison) Dunham, of Knoxville, and has one daughter living, Mrs. Alfred Edgcomb. He is now serving his third term as justice of the peace of Knoxville; was coroner of Tioga county one term, and has always given an earnest support to the principles and measures of the Republican party.

HENRY G. SHORT was born in De Reuyter, Madison county, New York, February 14, 1821, a son of Zadock and Hannah (Van Horn) Short. He was reared in Cortland county, New York, but never attended school except six weeks, and whatever education he possesses was self-acquired. In 1852 he settled at Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and for fifteen years was a traveling salesman for a New York hat, cap and fur house, and for an additional fifteen years filled a similar position for a wholesale grocery house of the same city. He still lives in the suburbs of Knoxville, on a farm of thirty acres, upon which he settled more than forty years ago, clearing and improving the land through the passing years. Mr. Short was married July 2, 1845, to Mercy Barker, a daughter of Albert and Sophronia (Eastman) Barker, of Homer, Cortland county, New York. They are the parents of two children: Helen A., wife of E. H. Bowen, and John G. In early life Mr. Short served a four years' apprenticeship at the harness-maker's trade, but not liking the business, he never followed it afterwards. He is a member of the E. A. U., and the P. of H. In politics, he is a Democrat, and has held every local office in Knoxville from burgess down.

JOEL JOHNSON was born in Triangle, Broome county, New York, August 28, 1818, a son of Edward and Roxanna (Cook) Johnson. On attaining his majority he engaged in farming until 1852, when he located at Jasper, Steuben county, New York, where he operated a steam saw-mill and grist-mill for three years. He then returned to Triangle, Broome county, whence he removed in 1863 to Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased the grist and saw-mill property later operated by his son, Laverne J. He continued in this business until his death, which occurred November 9, 1893, at the age of seventy-five years. In 1888 he tore down the old mill, erected in 1825 by Silas Billings, and built the present one, which is equipped with all the modern improvements of mill machinery. His

wife was Caroline Ives, of Guilford, New York, who bore him six children, five of whom are living, viz: Frances, wife of O. H. Wood; Leverett A., Alice, wife of F. L. Scoville; Ida, wife of J. F. Goodspeed, and Laverne J. Mr. Johnson was an adherent of the Republican party, and in religious faith, a member of the Presbyterian church.

LAVERNE J. JOHNSON, youngest son of Joel and Caroline Johnson, was born in Triangle, Broome county, New York, February 12, 1861, and was two years old when his parents came to Knoxville, Tioga county. He attended the public schools of that borough, and later Starkey Seminary, Yates county, New York, and Elmira Business College. Before attaining his majority, he took charge of the grist-mill, purchasing and selling supplies, and in 1882 entered into partnership with his father and brother, which continued until January, 1894, when he became sole proprietor of the mill, and managed it until August, 1895. Mr. Johnson was married February 27, 1889, to Cora J. Lugg, a daughter of Anthony W. and Ann (Seely) Lugg, of Knoxville, and has two children, Glenna A. and Reed Laverne. In politics, he is a Republican, and also a member of the F. & A. M. He is one of the well known young business men of Knoxville, where he now carries on a flour and feed store.

NOAH EVERITT was born in Wantage, Sussex county, New Jersey, May 4, 1837, and is a son of Jesse and Phoebe (Tuttle) Everitt, who came to Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1870, where his father engaged in farming, and died in 1874. Jesse and Phoebe Everitt were the parents of four children who grew to maturity, viz: Isaac, Noah, Jesse and Josiah. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, there received a good common school education, and later taught school for several years, but has spent most of his life in agricultural pursuits. He settled in Deerfield township, Tioga county, in 1866, purchasing 150 acres of land, which he partially cleared and improved, and for a number of years he operated a dairy of thirty cows. In 1890 he removed to Knoxville, where he has since carried on a grocery, flour, feed and general mercantile business. In 1858 Mr. Everitt married Kate Winfield, a daughter of Isaiah and Kate Winfield, of Sussex county, New Jersey, and has three children: Henry, Carrie, wife of Herman Knox, and Florence, wife of J. N. Losey. Mr. Everitt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a staunch adherent of the Democratic party. He has filled various local offices in Deerfield township, and is now recognized as one of the substantial business men of Knoxville.

CHESTER WELLS was born in Binghamton, New York, April 23, 1825, a son of Chester and Polly (Sleiter) Wells. His father was a native of Connecticut, of Scotch ancestry, and his mother of Binghamton, New York, where she was born in 1796, when that place contained but two log cabins. She was of French descent. Mr. Wells was reared in Binghamton, and there learned the carpenter's trade with B. F. Scisson, with whom he remained seven years. In 1851 he removed to Towanda, Pennsylvania, where he went into the furniture and undertaking business, and carried on the same until January 1, 1865, when he removed to Waverly, New York, and later to Addison. He followed the lumber business and also conducted a general store at Addison, remaining there between four and five years. In October, 1869, he located at Knoxville, Tioga county, where he carried on the

furniture and undertaking business for twenty-six years. Mr. Wells was married October 4, 1849, to Margaret A. Chambers, a daughter of George W. and Hannah (Simonson) Chambers, of Staten Island, who died on January 14, 1894. Seven children were the fruits of this union, named as follows: George, deceased; Chester F., a resident of Binghamton; J. Stewart, an attorney of West Superior, Wisconsin; William P., Edmund L., Helen C. and Mrs. Grace Howland. Mr. Wells died in Knoxville, October 3, 1895, and the business has since been conducted by his daughter, Helen C. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics, a stanch Democrat. Upright and straightforward in all his dealings, he enjoyed the confidence and respect of the community, and was one of the popular business men of Knoxville.

CHARLES A. REESE, M. D., was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1841, and is a son of Rev. Charles and Catherine (Gephart) Reese, natives of Lebanon and Lancaster counties, Pennsylvania, respectively, who were of Welsh and German descent. His father was a minister of the Lutheran church, and was widely known throughout the State. Charles A. was reared in Pennsylvania, and was educated in the public schools and Bernville Academy, Berks county, Pennsylvania. From the age of eleven to nineteen he clerked in a general store, and during the Rebellion recruited thirty-four men for the Union army, which under the ruling of Governor Curtin entitled him to a captaincy, but he never applied for the commission. In 1860 he began the study of medicine in the office of his brother, Dr. D. J. Reese, now of Renovo, Pennsylvania, and attended one partial and one full course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. In 1862 he commenced practice at Sinnamahoning, Cameron county, where he continued for twelve years. In the fall of 1872 he attended another course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated in the class of 1873. In 1875 he located at Knoxville, Tioga county, where for more than twenty-one years he was engaged in the active duties of his profession. Dr. Reese was married August 31, 1864, to Alice M. Stamp, a daughter of Joseph and Maria (Fish) Stamp, of Clinton county, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of eight children, six of whom grew to maturity. Their names are as follows: Libbie, wife of Eugene Wortman; Francis Gurney Smith, who graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1895, and is now practicing medicine in Coudersport; Imogene, wife of Norman F. Madison; Bertie, deceased; Allie M. and Eva M. In politics, Dr. Reese is a stanch Democrat, and was a member of the school board of Knoxville for seven years. During his residence in Cameron county, which is strongly Republican, he was elected coroner by the largest majority ever given to a candidate for a county office up to that time. Against his earnest protest he was re-nominated for a second term, but used his influence for his opponent, and even then was defeated by only a small majority. While a resident of Knoxville, he enjoyed a good practice, and was recognized by his medical brethren as one of the able physicians of the county. In the spring of 1897 Dr. Reese removed to Coudersport, where he has since continued to pursue his profession.

JOHN W. FITCH, a native of New York state, and a son of Samuel and Sally (Woodcock) Fitch, came in early manhood to Nelson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, removing at a later day to Brookfield township, where he purchased

a tract of land and cleared and improved a farm, now owned by Fred. Bush, which he afterwards exchanged for a farm in the same township. He resided in Brookfield upwards of forty years, and at one time owned over 400 acres of land in that part of the county. During this period he was extensively engaged in lumbering, and was an energetic, enterprising citizen. About 1878 he located at Knoxville, where he later embarked in general merchandising, which business he conducted until his death, September 26, 1889, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. Mr. Fitch was twice married. His first wife was Minerva Seeley, a daughter of Barney Seeley, of Brookfield township, who bore him five children, viz: Sally A., who married Henry Holt; Charles, William G., John E., and Ella, wife of Chauncey Reynolds. His second wife was Sally Seeley, a sister of his first wife. At one time Mr. Fitch was a member of the I. O. O. F. He was a Republican, in politics, and served as a member of the Knoxville council.

JOHN E. FITCH, son of John W. and Minerva Fitch, was born in Brookfield township, Tioga county, June 12, 1850. He was reared in his native township, and obtained his education in the public schools and Woodhull Academy. After attaining his majority, he was engaged in farming for twelve years in Brookfield, and also as a drover, buying and selling cattle for the New York and Philadelphia markets. He lived in Brookfield until 1888, when he removed to Knoxville, where he has since been successfully engaged in general merchandising. Mr. Fitch was married October 18, 1875, to Orcelia Beagle, a daughter of James and Malvina (Nevins) Beagle, of Steuben county, New York, and has one son, David B., born March 13, 1880, also an adopted daughter, Myrtle. In politics, Mr. Fitch is a Republican, has served five years in the borough council, and is one of the leading business men of Knoxville.

CHARLES LUGG was born in Gloucestershire, England, October 11, 1791, a son of Robert and Phoebe (Haley) Lugg, the latter a cousin of Gen. Anthony Wayne. He was reared on a farm, and followed that business as a vocation all his life. He first came to the United States with his family, consisting of his wife and five children, in 1830, and located in Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He later rented a farm on Thorn Bottom creek, one mile and a half west of Nelson, on Beecher's Island. But being disappointed with the country, he returned with his family to England in May, 1831. In the autumn of 1833 he again came to Tioga county, settling on what is known as Sober's Hill, in Farmington township, where he purchased 100 acres of land, containing a log house and barn, and about four acres cleared. He subsequently added 150 acres to his first purchase, cleared up 200 acres of the tract, and spent the remaining years of his life on this farm. Mr. Lugg was married in England, by Rev. Edward Mansfield, August 18, 1818, to Mary Ann Chandler, born June 20, 1797, a daughter of James Chandler, of Gloucestershire, England, to which union were born eight children, viz: Sarah, who married Isaac C. Whitehead, and for her second husband, David Hoyt; Mary A., who married Alanson Hoyt; Eliza, who became the wife of Lewis Beiver; Anthony W., Robert S., who married Rebecca Bottum; Caroline, who married Enoch Blackwell; Elizabeth and Charles. Mr. Lugg died January 13, 1874, aged eighty-three years, and his wife, March 12, 1873, aged seventy-five years. Both were members of the Presbyterian church for sixty years.

ANTHONY W. LUGG, eldest son of Charles and Mary A. Lugg, was born in Gloucestershire, England, August 25, 1825, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, with his parents in 1830, and again in 1833. In early manhood he engaged in farming, which he followed until thirty years of age. In October, 1855, he embarked in merchandising at Nelson, Tioga county, which he successfully continued there up to 1881. In 1877-78 he spent seven months in California for the benefit of his health, and in 1881-82 six months in that State for the same purpose. From 1882 to 1886 he was engaged in farming on the old homestead in Farmington township, and in the spring of the latter year located at Knoxville, where he resided until his death, January 29, 1897. As senior member of the firm of A. W. Lugg & Sons, he followed general merchandising in that borough for more than ten years. On February 6, 1851, Mr. Lugg married Ann K. Seely, a daughter of Nathaniel and Lucy (Kelsey) Seely, of Osceola. Six children were the fruits of this union, four of whom survive, viz: Wayne, Charles H., Cora, wife of L. J. Johnson, and A. Waldo. In politics, Mr. Lugg was an advocate of prohibition. While a resident of Nelson township, he served twenty-two years as a justice of the peace, being elected five successive terms. For more than forty years Mr. Lugg was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was one of the substantial and respected citizens of Knoxville, a kind husband and a good father.

ANDREW B. HITCHCOCK was born in Caton, Steuben county, New York, May 15, 1863, a son of Ezekiel and Martha (Silsbee) Hitchcock. His parents came to Covington, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1865, and later removed to Morris Run, and thence to Lawrence township, where his mother died in 1887. They had eight children, six boys and two girls. Our subject was reared in Tioga county from the age of two years, and was educated in the district schools and the State Normal School at Mansfield, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the latter institution in 1884, and commenced teaching in the fall of that year in the schools of Union township, and the next year was principal of the schools at Morris Run. In 1886 he became principal of the Knoxville graded schools and attained a front rank among the educators of the county. In 1895 he resigned his position as principal and purchased a general insurance business. Mr. Hitchcock was married August 5, 1891, to Ola Woodbury, the daughter of Frederick and Sarah (Kelly) Woodbury, of Knoxville. They have had two children, Reed W. and Howard F. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, also of the F. & A. M. In politics, he is a supporter of the Republican party, and was elected justice of the peace in February, 1897, which office he is now filling.

PHILIP ERWAY was born in Chemung county, New York, September 14, 1823, a son of Philip and Anna (Fogel) Erway, and is of Irish and Dutch extraction. He remained in New York state until seventeen years of age, and his education was limited to less than three months' attendance at the common schools. In 1840 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and found employment on a farm in Delmar township for three years. In 1843 he purchased a tract of seventy-five acres in Chatham township, which, as time would permit, he cleared and improved, working in the lumber camps during the winter seasons. In the meantime he built a log cabin on his farm, in which he kept "bachelor's hall" for about two years, and lived there until 1863, when he exchanged that farm for another of eighty

acres, to which he subsequently added fifty acres more, making a total of 130 acres. In 1869 he purchased another sixty-acre tract, cleared and improved it, and sold it in 1882. He lived in Chatham township until 1886, when he removed to Knoxville, where he has since resided. Mr. Erway has been twice married. His first wife was Mary King, a daughter of Samuel P. and Eleanor (Springsteel) King, of Chatham township, who bore him eight children, viz: Rutsor P., Oscar, Floyd, Amos, Ruth, wife of Hiram Close; Edgar, Otis H. and Andrew G. His second wife was Amy W. Marlatt, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pease) Marlatt, of Steuben county, New York. In politics, Mr. Erway is a Republican, and is one of the prosperous, well known and respected citizens of the community.

JOHN S. ADAMS was born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1843, a son of Elijah and Ann Eliza (Cressman) Adams, and was of English and German descent. In early manhood he went to Pike county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in lumbering, and in the fall of 1881 he located in Galeton, Potter county, where he remained one year. In October, 1882, he removed to Gaines, Tioga county, and in partnership with Michael Maloney embarked in the hotel business. They greatly improved the moral surroundings of the house, and proved that a hotel on Pine creek could be conducted decently and in order. He remained there three years and a half in the hotel business, and after one year's retirement he, in April, 1887, purchased the brick hotel property at Knoxville since known as the Adams House. He soon built up the reputation of the house, and carried it on successfully to the time of his death, which occurred October 31, 1893. During this period he had won the confidence and esteem of the leading business men of the borough. Mr. Adams was married August 11, 1870, to Celestia Armstrong, a daughter of Caleb and Louisa (Gardner) Armstrong, of Otsego county, New York, who became the mother of three children, viz: Mary E., Charles, deceased, and Floyd. He was a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow; was also connected with the K. of H., and in politics, was a stanch Democrat. Mr. Adams' word was regarded as good as his bond, and he was one of the best, if not the best, landlords in the history of Knoxville. He was kind and hospitable, and no needy person ever went hungry from his door.

CHARLES E. BRUGLER, editor and publisher of the *Knoxville Courier*, was born in Blairstown township, Warren county New Jersey, March 7, 1855, a son of James and Susannah (Konkle) Brugler. He was reared in his native county, and obtained his education in the public schools and Honeywell Academy. He served six years' apprenticeship at the printer's trade in the office of the *Blairstown Press*, and later was assistant foreman of the *New Jersey Herald*, published at Newton, New Jersey, for nearly four years. On November 1, 1889, he purchased the plant of the *Knoxville Courier*, at Knoxville, Tioga county, which under his management has become one of the leading papers in the Cowanesque valley. Mr. Brugler was married April 25, 1877, to Rosa A. Bunnell, a daughter, of Henry and Mary (Lanterman) Bunnell, of Blairstown, New Jersey. They are the parents of four children, as follows: C. Harry, Lewis J., Milton A. and R. Bunnell. In politics, Mr. Brugler is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Presbyterian church. He has always taken an active interest in social affairs, and is connected with the K. of H., and the P. of H. societies.

ALONZO KIBBE, physician and surgeon, was born in Harrison township, Potter county, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1856, a son of Thomas J. and Dorcas (Cotton) Kibbe. He was reared on a farm, and obtained his education in the public schools and Ulysses Academy. In 1882 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. M. R. Pritchard, of Harrison Valley, and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, March 13, 1885. The same year he began the practice of his profession at Galeton, Potter county, removing one year later to Troupsburg, where he continued in practice for five years. In April, 1891, Dr. Kibbe located at Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He has been twice married. His first wife was Ida L. Hurlbut, of Harrison township, Potter county. His second wife was Anna G. Merrick, a daughter of Charles and Hannah (Sears) Merrick, of Wellsboro, Tioga county, who has borne him four children: Russell L., Rose Geraldine, Sarah Ione and Stewart R. Dr. Kibbe is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is connected with the F. & A. M., the K. O. T. M., the K. of H., the I. O. O. F. and I. O. R. M. In politics, he is a Republican, and is a member of the board of health of Knoxville. Since locating in Tioga county, he has built up a lucrative practice and attained a front rank among the medical fraternity of this portion of the State.

WILLIAM WASS was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, March 27, 1794, and was a son of Adam Wass, a native of Germany. He served through the War of 1812, and drew a pension from the government for his services in that war. Soon after its close, he removed to Elmira, New York, where he was married, and in 1817 came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, settling in Deerfield township, but in 1818 he removed to Chatham township. Here he cleared two large farms, and also engaged in the lumber business, and for forty years, during the rafting season, was a pilot on the Susquehanna river. At the end of each season he walked home from Columbia, Pennsylvania, a distance of 200 miles, making the trip in four days. He died upon his farm in Chatham township, May 19, 1889, where he had lived for more than seventy years, and is buried in Riverside Cemetery, at Knoxville. His wife was Polly Humphrey, a daughter of Isaac Humphrey, of Ohio, who bore him a family of ten children, viz: George, Eleanor, widow of Joseph Falkner; John, Sally A., who married Abram Humphrey; Harriet, who married A. D. White; Mary, wife of John Faulkner; William, Alexander, David and Robert. In politics, Mr. Wass was a Republican, and is remembered as one of the oldest citizens in the county at the time of his death, attaining the ripe old age of over ninety-five years.

DAVID WASS, son of William Wass, was born in Chatham township, Tioga county, May 12, 1837, and was reared on the old homestead upon which he lived until 1890, when he removed to Knoxville, where he has since resided. He is still the owner of the old farm, settled by his father nearly three-quarters of a century ago. He has been engaged in farming and lumbering since early manhood, and has been quite successful. On May 3, 1874, he married Lucinda Perry, a daughter of Wooster and Maria (Lucas) Perry, of Woodhull, Steuben county, New York. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is a Presbyterian. In politics, he is an adherent of the Democratic party.

MOSES INSCHO, second son of Obadiah and Judith Inscho, was born April 28, 1792, and was six years old when his parents settled in Tioga county. He was reared upon the homestead farm in Lawrence township, and in 1825 located in Deerfield township, where he partially cleared and improved a farm. He did considerable business as a teamster, owned a saw mill and dealt in lumber to some extent. About fifty years ago he built the wooden bridge yet standing south of Knoxville. On January 1, 1818, he married Mary Seelye, a daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Lindsley) Seelye, pioneers of Steuben county, New York. She was born January 21, 1793, and became the mother of ten children, as follows: William Edwin, born October 11, 1818, and died May 10, 1881; Eliza Lindsley, born January 15, 1820, widow of John O. Ward; Hiram, born February 24, 1821, and died March 25, 1896; Mary Ann, born November 6, 1822, who married Benoni Madison, and died August 10, 1871; Charlotte A., born July 5, 1825, who lives upon the old homestead; Rachel, born February 16, 1827; James Byron, born November 25, 1828, and died September 16, 1854; Micajah Seelye, born November 12, 1830; Emily J., born May 22, 1832, and Lucius C., born December 6, 1834, and died January 8, 1896. Mr. Inscho died October 1, 1848, in his fifty-seventh year, and his wife, January 11, 1872, in her seventy-ninth year. Their daughter, Charlotte A., who has remained unmarried, occupies the old homestead, and is the owner of 265 acres of land. Her history from early girlhood is full of interest, and illustrates what persistent industry can accomplish. She started in life with an earned capital of \$16, and is to-day one of the substantial farmers of Deerfield. She carried on merchandising in Knoxville for many years, and is noted for her sound, progressive business qualifications and sterling integrity.

HIRAM INSCHO, second son of Moses Inscho, and grandson of Obadiah Inscho, was born in Tioga township, Tioga county, February 24, 1821, and spent his entire life in his native county engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was twice married. His first wife was Lucretia George, and his second, Mrs. Betsy Glover, but he left no children by either marriage. He died March 25, 1896. He was a quiet, retiring, honest man, and a good citizen, but never accumulated much of this world's goods. In politics, he was a Republican.

MICAJAH SEELYE INSCHO, son of Moses and Mary Inscho, and grandson of Obadiah Inscho, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, November 12, 1830. He was reared on the Inscho homestead, and attended the common schools and Union Academy in boyhood. At the age of fourteen he began working as a lumber pilot on the Cowanesque river, and followed the lumber business upwards of thirty years. He also bought cattle and sheep for the New York and Williamsport markets for several years, and has devoted his principal attention to farming, having resided in Westfield township since 1878. In 1858 Mr. Inscho married Charlotte Howland, a daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Rexford) Howland, of Steuben county, New York, and has three children, viz: Merrit F., Lucy, wife of Ralph Skinner, and Mary, wife of Fred Preston. In September, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was honorably discharged after a service of ten months. In politics, Mr. Inscho is a Republican.

CAPT. JOHN SEELYE, though never a resident of this county, has numerous descendants in the Cowanesque valley. He was born in Litchfield, Connecticut,

April 22, 1757, and died in Lindley, Steuben county, New York, January 17, 1813. He married Elizabeth Lindsley, March 9, 1783. She was born July 17, 1764, and died January 25, 1852. She was a daughter of Col. Eleazer Lindsley, a soldier of the Revolution and a pioneer of Steuben county, where the town of Lindley was named in his honor, though a mistake was made in the official spelling of the word, which was intended to be "Lindsley." Captain Seelye and wife were among the honored pioneers of that locality, and reared the following children: Mahlon, Samuel, Daniel, Micajah, Mary, Phoebe, Louise, William, Eleazer and Eliza. Captain Seelye was a prominent Mason, and his grand-daughter, Miss Charlotte A. Insko, has in her possession a gold locket containing his portrait, on the back of which is carved the mystic symbols of the Masonic order. It is an heirloom highly prized by its owner.

NATHAN BAKER, of Otsego county, New York, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1827, and in the following year settled in what is now Deerfield township, on the farm owned and occupied by his grandson, Allen Baker. With the assistance of his sons, he cleared and improved this farm, and resided there until his death. He died April 17, 1846, and was interred upon the homestead. His wife was Hannah Wood, and their children were as follows: Sally, who married Marvel Handy; Daniel, Charlotte, who married Jarvis Freeman; Ira, Esther, who married Hiram Bostwick; Nathan, Hannah, who married Hiram Swimley; Perry and Elisha.

IRA BAKER, son of Nathan and Hannah Baker, was born in Otsego county, New York, February 26, 1815, and removed with his parents to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1827. Soon after arriving at manhood he took up and cleared a farm in Chatham township, about a mile south of the old homestead. Here he remained until 1852, when he returned to the old homestead in Deerfield, settled by his father in 1828, and there died September 23, 1894. He married Lydia Philley, a daughter of Luman and Eunice (Coburn) Philley, pioneers of Deerfield township. Three children were born to this union, viz: Laura, wife of Timothy Hastings; Allen, and Alta M., wife of Welch Reynolds. Mr. Baker was a member of the Christian church, and in politics, a Republican.

ALLEN BAKER, only son of Ira and Lydia Baker, was born in Chatham township, Tioga county, January 15, 1843, and from nine years of age was reared on what is known as the Baker homestead in Deerfield township, which he now owns and occupies. He received a common school education, and has made farming his life vocation. On December 24, 1875, he married Hattie Guile, a daughter of Alonzo and Mary J. (Watkins) Guile, of Deerfield township, who is the mother of the following children: Edith, deceased; Ernest G., Blanche O. and Everitt A. In politics, Mr. Baker is a Republican; has served as school director of his township fourteen years; is a member of the P. of H., and is one of the prominent and influential farmers of the community.

HENRY F. DANIELS, SR., was born in Broome county, New York, July 16, 1817, a son of George and Lydia (Hoskins) Daniels, who settled in Jasper, Steuben county, New York, in 1828. Their children were as follows: Hannah, who married Edmund Porter; Nathan, Barney, George W., William, Leonard, Lurania, who married Abram Freeland; Rhoda, who became the wife of Amos Raymond;

Henry F., and Lydia J., who married Truman Kibbe. In 1832 Henry F. came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, locating in what is now Deerfield township, and in 1838 he settled on his present farm, most of which he has cleared, and has erected all the buildings now thereon. It embraces 186 acres. Mr. Daniels married Esther Cloos, September 27, 1838. She is a daughter of Newbury and Esther (Short) Cloos, and a grand-daughter of Reuben Cloos, pioneers of Tioga county. Five children have been born to this union, viz: Melissa, Henry F., Mary J., wife of Lucian A. Mattison; Emma, wife of Willard S. Carpenter, and Jeannette, wife of Frank H. Smith. Mr. Daniels is a member of the Christian church, and an adherent of the Republican party.

HENRY F. DANIELS, JR., was born in what is now Deerfield township, Tioga county, February 26, 1841, and is a son of Henry F. Daniels, Sr. He lived upon the old homestead until he was thirty-two years of age, when he located upon the farm of his uncle, Reuben Cloos, which has since been his home. He was educated in the Osceola High school, and the Union and Troupsburg academies, and has always followed farming as an occupation. On July 14, 1866, he married Jerusha L. Van Dusen, a daughter of Benjamin and Jerusha (Lee) Van Dusen, of Chatham township. They have five children, viz: Ned J., and Fred F., twins, the latter deceased; Bertha E., Ben. B. and George H. On Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania, in 1863, Mr. Daniels joined Company G, Thirty-fifth Pennsylvania Militia, and served two months. In politics, he is a Republican, and has filled various local offices in Deerfield, including clerk and treasurer, and was elected justice of the peace in February, 1896. He is a member of the G. A. R., the Grange and the K. of H.

MOSES LEE was born in Milford, Otsego county, New York, December 22, 1813, a son of Daniel and Hannah (Butts) Lee, and was of English and Dutch descent. He was reared in his native county, received a common school education, and was a natural mathematician. In middle life he took up surveying, became quite efficient in that profession, and did an extensive business. In 1832, when nineteen years of age, he came to Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where the balance of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. A short time after his coming, his parents located in Chatham township. Their children were as follows: Moses, James R., Seneca, Thomas D., Jerusha, who married Benjamin Van Dusen, and Mary, who married Joseph Walling. The sons cleared and improved a farm, which is now situated on the line of Deerfield and Chatham townships, and is still in the possession of the family. Moses Lee lived on the homestead until his death, December 10, 1892, being then within twelve days of eighty years of age. His first wife was Sylvia Costley, a daughter of Charles and Orpha (Bowen) Costley, of Deerfield township. She was the mother of four children, two of whom grew to maturity, viz: Mary, who married William Wass, Jr., and Daniel H. They also had an adopted daughter, Jane, who married Lemuel Jackson. Mr. Lee's second wife, Amy, a daughter of Abram Teachman, resides in Chatham township.

DANIEL H. LEE was born on the old Lee homestead, in what is now Deerfield township, Tioga county, November 2, 1838, and is the only surviving son of Moses and Sylvia Lee. He was educated in the common schools and Alfred University, and has always followed farming as an occupation. He lived on the old homestead until

twenty-four years of age, when he purchased an adjoining farm where he resided until 1894 and then removed to Knoxville. He married Armenia M. Lee, a daughter of Alonzo and Almira (Wright) Lee, of Chatham township, and has one son, Joseph H. In politics, Mr. Lee is a Republican. He is a member of Pomona Grange, No. 30, P. of H., and also of the K. of H.

JACOB PRICE, a New Jersey Quaker, was a pioneer of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, locating near Freeman's grist mill, in Westfield township, where he made a clearing and erected a house, which is still standing. He later removed to what is now Philips Station, in the same township, where he continued in agricultural pursuits until his death. He was married three times. His second wife, a Miss Baker, became the mother of twelve children, and his last wife bore him one child.

SAMUEL B. PRICE, a son of Jacob Price by his second marriage, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, in 1819. He received a good education, and for twenty-one years followed school teaching, as well as farming, in Deerfield township. He established Union Academy, at Academy Corners, which he conducted for twenty-one years, and was an educator of considerable local celebrity. His wife was Sophia Leonard, a daughter of Stephen and Peninah (Darrow) Leonard, of Westfield, who bore him two children, one of whom is living, Charles R. Mr. Price was not only a leading educator, but a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and an enterprising, progressive citizen. He was a staunch Republican, and served one term as superintendent of schools of Tioga county. He died in 1868.

CHARLES R. PRICE, only surviving child of Samuel B. Price, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, February 26, 1856, and was educated at Union Academy and the State Normal School, Mansfield. He later taught school for two terms, but since 1871 he has devoted his attention to farming. On January 19, 1878, he married Emma Mead, a daughter of Frank and Mary (Phippen) Mead, of Lawrenceville, Tioga county, and has four children, viz; Earl P., Hugh S., Wayne and Reid. Mr. Price is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also of the P. of H. In politics, he is a Republican, and a strong advocate of prohibition.

MARTIN BOWEN, a son of Elihu and Lucy Bowen, was born in Rhode Island, October 9, 1788, and there grew to manhood. In 1816 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Westfield township, later removed to Farmington, and thence to Deerfield, where he operated a tannery for some years. He died in Deerfield, June 5, 1858. His wife, Freelove, was a daughter of Jonathan Potter, of Rhode Island, and reared a family of nine children, viz; Cyrus P., William, Alma, who married Joseph Edson, and subsequently William Weeks; Rhoda, Elihu, who recently died in this township; Lucy, who married George Aldrich; Freelove J., Ruth, who married Allen King, and Phoebe W. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen were members of the Society of Friends, and died in that faith.

ELIHU BOWEN, son of Martin and Freelove Bowen, and grandson of Elihu and Lucy Bowen, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, March 14, 1819, and spent his entire life in this county. He was married May 27, 1849, to Eliza Ann Greene, a daughter of James and Polly Greene, of Steuben county, New York, and settled on his late homestead in Deerfield township the same year, where he resided until his death, February 14, 1896. His original purchase

embraced ninety-seven acres, to which he afterwards added until he owned a well-improved farm of 129 acres. He was the father of four children, viz: Eva J., deceased wife of Elmer Wheaton; Addie F., wife of Wallace Davis, of Deerfield; Lena, deceased, and Cora M., wife of William Smith, of South Addison, New York. Mrs. Bowen resides on the old homestead. Mr. Bowen was an honest and respected citizen of Deerfield, a member of the Baptist church, and in politics, a Prohibitionist.

JOSEPH O. NEWMAN settled at Academy Corners, Deerfield township, Tioga county, in 1855. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade there until 1861, when he removed to Sunderlinville, Potter county, where he continued working at his trade until his death, in 1871. His wife was Sarah A. Burrows, of Otsego county, New York, and their children were as follows: Andrew J., Albert, Esther, wife of James Scott; Mary, wife of F. M. Spicer; Ferris L., Orlando, Edward and Willis.

ALBERT NEWMAN, second son of Joseph O. Newman, was born in Otsego county, New York, October 8, 1842. He attended school only two terms, and was practically reared in his father's blacksmith shop, which trade he has followed since twelve years of age. In 1855 he came with his parents to Academy Corners, Tioga county, and in 1861 removed with them to Sunderlinville, Potter county. In February, 1864, he enlisted in Company L, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, which formed a part of the Second Brigade, Second Division, Army of the Potomac, and when not in the field he performed the duties of a blacksmith. He was in Sheridan's campaign from the Rapidan to the Wilderness, and was in the engagements at Cold Harbor, Weldon Railroad, Spottsylvania, Todd's Tavern, Richmond Heights, Malvern Hill, Jerusalem Plank Road, Gaines' Mill, Petersburg, and many others, and was honorably discharged from the service, July 22, 1865. He has been located at Academy Corners, Tioga county, since 1867, where he has carried on the blacksmithing trade. In 1867 he married Mrs. Louisa Ellis, nee Wager, a soldier's widow, of Sunderlinville, Potter county, and has one son living, Albert J. Politically, Mr. Newman is a Republican.

OLIVER L. WOOD, a native of New Jersey, born in 1797, and a son of Oliver and Phoebe (Gregg) Wood, came from Orange county, New York, to Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1861, and located on a farm now owned and occupied by his son, Joseph, consisting of 220 acres. He lived there until 1880, then disposed of his farm to his son, Joseph, and removed to Sussex county, New Jersey, where he died in 1882, at the age of eighty-five years. His children were as follows: Absalom S., Oliver H., Phoebe J., wife of E. P. Masterson; Mary A., wife of Martin Wilson; William C., Thomas E., Emily, wife of Samuel Christy, and Joseph.

JOSEPH WOOD, youngest son of Oliver L. Wood, was born in Orange county, New York, April 10, 1846, and when fifteen years of age came with his parents to Deerfield township, Tioga county. He obtained his education in the common schools and at Whiteman's Academy, Osceola, and has always made farming his principal occupation. He owns and occupies the old homestead of 220 acres, upon which his father settled in 1861, which he purchased from the latter in 1880, and with the exception of two years' residence in Knoxville, he has lived upon this farm

since coming to Tioga county. He has been a breeder of Hambletonian horses, and is now interested in the breeding of Jersey cattle, and is also an extensive tobacco grower. Mr. Wood was married February 29, 1870, to Myrtilla Wainwright, a daughter of Jacob and Esther (Everitt) Wainwright, of Deerfield township, and has four children, viz: Fred. J., Perry L., Edna N. and Russell. In politics, Mr. Wood is a Democrat, is a member of Valley Grange, of Academy Corners, and Pomona Grange, of Wellsboro, P. of H., and is one of the representative farmers of Deerfield township.

JOSEPH S. INGHAM was born in Monroeton, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1836, a son of Joseph and Johanna (Blakeley) Ingham, natives of England, who immigrated to Philadelphia in 1821, and in 1825 removed to Monroeton. His father there engaged in the manufacture of woolens, and also in lumbering, until 1863, when he settled in Deerfield township, Tioga county, purchasing the woolen mills now owned by his son, Joseph S. He continued in the manufacture of woolen goods until his death, December 25, 1869, at the age of seventy-three years. His widow survived until August, 1888, dying at the age of eighty-six. They reared the following children: Martha, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, who married John G. Mason; James B., who was killed at the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862; George W., Henry H., Harriet A., who married Warren Landon; Joseph S., Ruth A., who married Ornal Kellogg; Cecelia E., second wife of Warren Landon, and Alice. In religious belief, Mr. Ingham was a follower of Swedenborg, and in politics, he was a staunch Republican. The subject of this sketch was reared in Bradford county, and obtained his education in public and private schools. He later commenced clerking in a general store, and in 1858 embarked in the mercantile business at Monroeton, Pennsylvania, but at the end of a year his store was burned. He then engaged as a traveling salesman for a flouring mill, at which he continued until 1861. On August 10th of that year, he enlisted in the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and went to the front as second lieutenant of Company K, his brother, James B., being captain of the same company. In August, 1862, he was transferred as first lieutenant of Company B, same regiment, and commanded that company until his resignation, in November, 1862, on account of sickness, doing the duty of captain and drawing a captain's pay. During his term of service he was detailed as a recruiting officer until January, 1862. He participated in the battles of Pocotaligo (where he was in command of the left skirmish line), Second Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain and Antietam. In 1863 he came to Deerfield township, Tioga county, with his parents, where he has since been engaged in farming, manufacturing woolen goods, cider and jelly. His two sons have been connected with him in business since 1887, under the firm name of J. S. Ingham & Sons. On November 10, 1862, Mr. Ingham married Isabella M. Purple, who was born May 29, 1839, in the court house of Potter county, a daughter of Ansel and Maria (Howard) Purple, of Deerfield township. Her father was a pioneer of Potter county, Pennsylvania, was the first sheriff of that county, and later settled at Purple Brook, on the line of Westfield and Brookfield townships, Tioga county, which place was named in his honor. Mrs. Ingham is the mother of two sons, Daniel P. and Ansel Grant. The former married Nellie Howland, and has one son, Lawrence. Ansel Grant married E. May Dunham, of Knoxville. Mr.

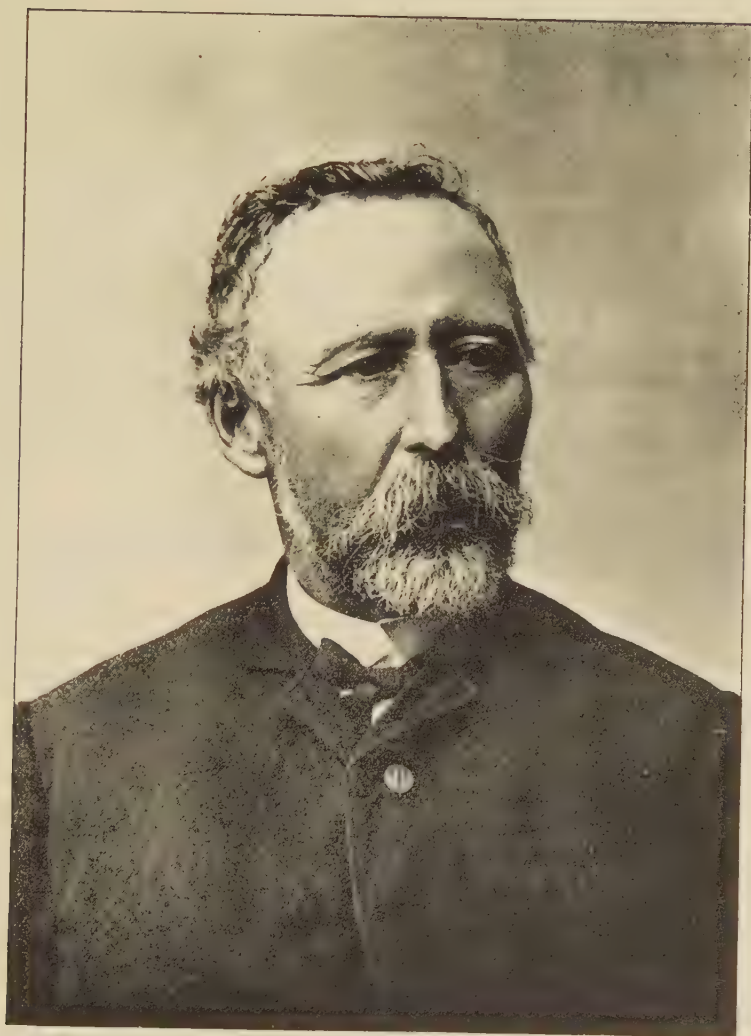
Ingham is a stanch Republican, has filled the office of auditor of Deerfield for seventeen years and is at present holding that position. He has cleared up the township debt twice, and thus proven himself a good financier. He was transcribing clerk of the House during the legislative sessions of 1874-75. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and is also a member of the G. A. R., the K. of H. and the Grange. In the summer of 1896 he developed on his land one of the finest stone quarries in the county, for the product of which there is considerable demand in New York and Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM L. MERRICK was born in Potter county, Pennsylvania. His father, Moses Merrick, was an early settler of Middlebury township, Tioga county, where William L. was reared to manhood and partially cleared a farm. He later removed to Chatham township, where he died in 1887, aged seventy years. His wife was Caroline Whitney, a daughter of Jeremiah Whitney, of Middlebury township, Tioga county. They reared five children, as follows: Fidelia, who married Erastus Rice; Wheeler O., Bradford W., E. Moses, who died from wounds received at the battle of Cold Harbor, and Fannie, wife of Ira Mourey. Mr. Merrick and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, he was a Democrat.

BRADFORD W. MERRICK, son of William L. Merrick, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, March 19, 1842. He was reared in this county, and obtained his education in the common schools. On August 4, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was honorably discharged after nine months' service. In the fall of 1864 he re-enlisted in Company C, Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until mustered out in August, 1865. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and all of the engagements of the final campaign of the Army of the Potomac, ending with the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. From the close of the war until his death Mr. Merrick was engaged in farming in Deerfield township. In 1866 he married Emily E. Howland, a daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Rexford) Howland, of Chatham township, who bore him three children: Philip H., Fred. J. and Daniel W. Mr. Merrick was a stanch Democrat, and a member of the G. A. R., the K. of H. and the Grange. He died June 1, 1896, from diseases contracted in the army.

WILLIAM WAGNER was born in Steuben county, New York, December 23, 1842, a son of Inglehart and Christina (Collier) Wagner, and is of German and English extraction. His paternal grandfather, Abraham Wagner, was a native of Germany, and a pioneer of Steuben county. William was reared in his native county, was educated in the common schools, and on attaining his majority clerked in a store, and later engaged in farming in Deerfield township, Tioga county, where he has resided since 1870. In May, 1868, he married Maria Howland, a daughter of Eddy and Charlotte (Rexford) Howland, of Deerfield township, and has one son living, Eddy H. The latter has developed a rare taste for Indian and ancestral relics, and, although but sixteen years of age, has gathered a collection to be proud of. Mr. Wagner resides with his wife and son on the Eddy Howland homestead. In politics, he is a Democrat, and has held the office of school director nine years. He is a member of the E. A. U., and a charter member of the Grange organized at Academy Corners in 1889.

EBENEZER A. BEAN was born in Centreville, Allegany county, New York,



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April 10, 1844, a son of Orson and Clara (Van Buren) Bean. He was reared in his native county, and obtained a common school education. On August 9, 1862, when but eighteen years of age, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirtieth New York Volunteers, from which he was transferred with his regiment in July, 1863, to the First New York Dragoons. He participated in the battle of Deserted Farm, near Black Water, Virginia, where he was wounded in the right hand, losing his thumb, and also in other engagements, and was honorably discharged April 1, 1864. He then engaged in farming in Allegany county, New York, until 1875, when he removed to Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he has since resided. For the past twenty years he has operated a cheese factory in Deerfield, and a similar factory in Austinburg, for twelve years. These factories have a combined annual product of 200,000 pounds. Since the spring of 1895 he has operated the West Farmington Cheese Factory, in Farmington township. Its annual output is 70,000 pounds. Mr. Bean was married May 18, 1890, to Abbie C. Knox, a daughter of Archibald D. and Julia A. (White) Knox, of Deerfield township. He is a member of the F. & A. M., also of Lafayette Hose Company, of Knoxville, and in politics, is a Republican.

WILLIAM A. JACKSON, son of Asa and Mary Jackson, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1833, and grew to manhood on his father's farm, his parents being pioneer settlers of that township. He was married December 30, 1856, to Susan Slocum, born August 1, 1838, in Dutchess county, New York, a daughter of John P. and Eliza T. Slocum, who settled in Chatham township, Tioga county, about 1842, on the farm where Mrs. Jackson now resides. After his marriage, Mr. Jackson resided in Shippen township three years, and then removed to Chatham township, where he followed farming until his death, October 23, 1891. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, viz: Henry C., a resident of Deerfield township; Anna E., wife of David Short; Lewis, deceased; Lelia, A., wife of Frank Husted; Wilbur A., of Deerfield township; Tyna B., wife of Fred. Walker, and Della M. During the war Mr. Jackson served as a corporal in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, participating with his regiment in numerous battles and skirmishes. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg, but was paroled on the field. In politics, he was a Republican, and was a member of the G. A. R. and the K. of H.

HENRY C. JACKSON, eldest son of William A. Jackson, was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, November 18, 1857. When about two years old his parents removed to Chatham township, where he was reared to manhood, obtaining a common school education. He engaged in farming, and also kept a hotel at Academy Corners four years. Since 1881 he has been a resident of Deerfield township. In 1880 he married Ellen Mattison, a daughter of Henry and Betsey (Cooper) Mattison, of Chatham township, and has one daughter, Ethel R. In politics, Mr. Jackson is a Republican; has served as township supervisor two terms; as constable six years, and as collector four years. He is a member of the Masonic order, and of the I. O. R. M.

JOHN B. BUSH was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, March 26, 1836, a son of Peter and Julia (Joard) Bush, both natives of Canada and of French descent. His paternal grandfather was Jacques Bush, and his maternal grandfather was

Francis Joard, both natives of France. His parents located in Granville, Washington county, New York, in 1847. His father served in the Union army one year during the Rebellion, enlisting at Fairfax, Vermont. He died in a hospital at Washington, D. C., of disease contracted in the service, and is buried at Fairfax. His mother was born July 13, 1809, in St. Ours, Canada; came to Brookfield township, Tioga county, in 1866, where she remained until 1885, then returned to Canada, and died at the residence of her daughter in 1890. The subject of this sketch was reared in Granville, New York, from the age of eleven years. After attaining the age of sixteen, he spent three winter terms in a country school, which was all the educational advantages he ever received. In 1857 he came to Brookfield township, Tioga county, where he rented a farm one year. In 1858 he purchased 108 acres of land which he cleared and improved, and still owns, and subsequently added thereto 105 acres adjoining. He later purchased two farms of fifty acres each in the same township. He resided in Brookfield until 1887, when he purchased the Emmer Bowen farm, in Deerfield township, consisting of 250 acres, for which he paid \$10,500, and upon which he has since lived. During the Rebellion he was drafted, and went to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, with the intention of joining his regiment, but for family reasons subsequently sent a substitute. In 1886 he built a grist-mill at Westfield, Tioga county, at an expense of \$10,000, which he operated one year as a member of the firm of Richardson & Bush, when he sold out. The mill was burned in 1891. Mr. Bush was married in 1857, to Sarah Kilburn, a daughter of Peter and Sophia (Burch) Kilburn, of Brookfield township, and has four children living, viz: Florence E., wife of Samuel Ludlam; Julius Edgar, Sarah Ethel and Zadie Evangeline. In politics, Mr. Bush is a Republican, has filled various local offices, and is a member of Valley Grange.

CHARLES METCALF was born in Brookfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1828, a son of Daniel and Hanna (Terwilliger) Metcalf, pioneers of Brookfield. He was reared to manhood in that township, and then located in Harrison township, Potter county, where he cleared and improved a farm, upon which he resided until his death, at the age of forty-three years. His wife, Cornelia, was a daughter of Peter and Polly (Young) Manchester, of Westfield township, Tioga county. They were the parents of seven children, viz: Esther, wife of Henry Rood; James, Justus, Daniel P., Lydia, Polly, wife of Charles Stephens, and Zoa, wife of Rufus Camp.

DANIEL P. METCALF, son of Charles Metcalf, was born in Harrison township, Potter county, July 30, 1861, and was educated in the common schools, Starkey Seminary, and the State Normal School at Mansfield. He has followed farming as an occupation, devoting considerable attention to tobacco growing. Since 1870 he has been a resident of Tioga county, and has lived in Deerfield township since 1888, where he owns a fine tobacco farm of 126 acres, known as the Eleazer Seely farm. Mr. Metcalf was married August 12, 1896, to Caroline M. Wood, a daughter of Oliver H. Wood, of Deerfield township. He is a member of the P. of H.; is a Republican in politics; has held various local offices, and is now the assessor of Deerfield township.

SAMUEL LUDLAM was born in Roseboom, Otsego county, New York, January 30, 1859, a son of Samuel and Martha (Barber) Ludlam, natives of Derbyshire,

England, who came to the United States about 1835, and located in Otsego county, New York, where the father engaged in farming. In 1867 he removed to Charleston township, Tioga county, purchased a farm, and resided thereon up to his death, January 27, 1884, aged seventy-six years. His wife died February 4, 1882, aged seventy years. They reared a family of nine children, viz: Mary A., wife of Joseph Webb; Martha, wife of George Neal; Henry, who died of disease while a soldier in the late war; George, John, Lucy, wife of George Wingate; Elizabeth, deceased; Thomas and Samuel. The subject of this sketch was seven years old when his parents came to Tioga county, and has always followed farming as an occupation. He lived in Charleston township from 1866 to 1884, and then engaged in agricultural pursuits in Osceola, later went to Nelson, and in 1890 located upon his present farm in Deerfield, which he purchased in 1892. Mr. Ludlam has been twice married. His first wife was Huldah Monroe, a daughter of Levi G. and Cynthia (Pease) Monroe, of Potter county, whom he married June 17, 1886, and who bore him three children, viz: Lewis L., Lawrence and Laura, the last two being twins. His second wife, whom he married April 3, 1892, was Florence E. Bush, a daughter of John B. and Sarah (Kilburn) Bush, of Deerfield. Mr. Ludlam is a member of the Grange, in politics, a Republican, and has filled the office of township auditor.

HENRY CURRAN was born in Chanceford, York county, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1807, a son of Samuel and Mary Curran. He was reared in his native county, and about 1828 came to Tioga county, where he worked in the lumber woods and in the spring rafted lumber down the Susquehanna to his home. On October 12, 1830, he married Mrs. Sally Parker, a daughter of David Short, a pioneer of Deerfield township, Tioga county, and the same year settled on his wife's farm in Chatham township. He cleared and improved it, and resided there until his death, October 6, 1855. Ten children were born of his marriage to Mrs. Parker, as follows: Elias, Margaret, who married W. W. Beach; Melissa, who married Orange G. Johnson; Ira, Ann, who married Samuel M. Strawn; Emily A., who married Benjamin F. Westbrook; George W., Clarissa, wife of Samuel P. King; Esther, wife of C. E. Beach, and Henry.

GEORGE W. CURRAN, son of Henry Curran, was born on the old homestead in Chatham township, Tioga county, July 23, 1844, obtained a common school education, and resided on the home farm, which he still owns, until 1891. In that year he removed to Knoxville. He has always followed farming as a vocation, and for eight years made cattle droving a specialty, buying for the lower Pennsylvania markets. Besides the old homestead of 112 acres, he also owns a 100-acre farm adjoining. He served in Company G, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Fort Steadman and Petersburg, his company being in the front line during the latter engagement. He was honorably discharged June 5, 1865. Mr. Curran married Hattie M. Westbrook, a daughter of George and Lovisa (Taylor) Westbrook, of Middlebury township, September 1, 1867. After the death of Elias Curran and wife, they reared and educated his brother's three children, viz: Frankie M., wife of Frank C. Teachman; Samuel, and Nettie, wife of George H. Bloom. They have also an adopted son, Fred. In politics, Mr. Curran is a Republican, and is a member of the K. of H. and the G. A. R.

BENJAMIN VAN DUSEN was born in Maryland, Otsego county, New York, in 1806, a son of Jacob Van Dusen, whose ancestors were natives of Holland. He grew to manhood in his native county, and came to Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, took up 150 acres of land, which he cleared and improved, and resided there until 1869. In that year he removed to Cattaraugus county, New York, where he died soon after at the age of sixty-three. His wife was Jerusha Lee, a daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Butts) Lee, of Chatham township. Daniel Lee was a Revolutionary soldier and a relative of the Lee family of Virginia. She bore him a family of ten children, viz: Clarissa, Emily, who married Morris Seeley; Daniel, Jacob, Charles H., Mary, wife of William Townsend; Benjamin, Jerusha, wife of H. F. Daniels; James and Amelia, wife of Frank Godfrey.

CHARLES H. VAN DUSEN, son of Benjamin Van Dusen, was born on the old homestead in Chatham township, Tioga county, August 25, 1837. He received a good common school education, and taught school one term in Charleston township. He clerked for two years in a store at Wellsboro. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was honorably discharged from the service in June, 1862. On his return home he engaged in farming in Chatham township, which business he still continues, though he has resided in Knoxville borough since 1892. Mr. Van Dusen married Sallie A. Owlett, a daughter of Gilbert B. and Martha (Pope) Owlett, of Chatham township, January 17, 1866, and has three children: Kate, wife of Eugene Sprague; Claribel, wife of Harley R. Pride, and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Van Dusen are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, he is a Republican. He has held nearly all the minor offices of both Chatham and Deerfield townships, and is connected with the P. of H., K. of H., and the G. A. R.

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP AND BOROUGH.

JONATHAN SEAMANS, a native of Foster, Providence county, Rhode Island, born April 19, 1794, was a son of Israel Seamans, and a grandson of Thomas Seamans, who served as a major in the Revolution. Jonathan came to Westfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1817, and settled on land now owned by Hollister Baker, in Westfield borough. In 1848 he removed to the land still owned by his sons, where he spent the remaining years of his life, dying August 15, 1867. He married Rebecca Tuttle, September 28, 1819. She was a daughter of Ayers Tuttle, who fought in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was born in Catherine, Tompkins county, New York, May 16, 1803. She came with her parents to what is now Westfield township, Tioga county, in 1809, where she resided up to her death, September 16, 1873. Thirteen children were the fruits of this union, twelve of whom grew to maturity, viz: Polly R., who married Levi Scott; Eliza P., who married William Morris; Hannah L., who married Aurora Streeter; Israel A., William Orville, Eli B., Chloe L., who married John Potter; Lorian L., who married Frank Cowles; Sheldon Alonzo, Loren B., John M. and Milo P. The family is one of the oldest and best known in the county, and are earnest supporters of the principles and measures of the Republican party. Numerous descendants of Jonathan Seamans are living in Tioga county, and many of them are among the enterprising citizens of the community which he helped to found.

WILLIAM ORVILLE SEAMANS, son of Jonathan and Rebecca Seamans, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, May 6, 1829, and has spent his entire life in the same. He cleared and improved a farm of seventy acres, and is one of the representative farmers of his native township. On April 17, 1853, he married Julett Thompson, a daughter of Demarcus L. and Philadelphia (Rowell) Thompson, of Westfield. Her father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was stationed at Sackett's Harbor. Her grandfather was a soldier in the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Seamans are among the well-known people of Westfield, and give an earnest support to every worthy object. In politics, he is a staunch adherent of the Republican party.

ELI B. SEAMANS, son of Jonathan and Rebecca Seamans, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, August 23, 1831, was reared upon the homestead farm, and attended the public schools in boyhood. On attaining his majority he engaged in farming, and owns fifty acres of his father's farm, and 100 acres additional, most of which he has cleared and improved. In April, 1861, he enlisted for the Three Months' service, in the famous Bucktail regiment, and on May 3, of the same year, he re-enlisted for three years, in Company A, of the same regiment, known as the First Pennsylvania Rifles. He was in the battles of Drainsville, Mechanicsville, Gaines' Mill, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, and Charles City Cross Roads, and was wounded in the last engagement, in three places, June 30, 1862. He was there taken prisoner and sent to Libby prison. After four months he was paroled and sent to Davis Island Hospital, where he remained four months, and was then detailed for garrison duty at Fort Hamilton, and assisted in putting down the New York riots of July, 1863. In September, 1863, he rejoined his regiment at Culpepper, Virginia, and took part in the battles of Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna and Bethesda Church. On June 14, 1864, he was honorably discharged from the service at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and returned to his home in Tioga county. Mr. Seamans was married July 2, 1865, to Maria McMines, a daughter of William and Olive (Tubbs) McMines, of Westfield, who has borne him four children: Jennie, William, Albert and Justus. Mr. Seamans is a member of Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., of Westfield, and in politics, he is a Republican.

SHELDON ALONZO SEAMANS, fourth son of Jonathan and Rebecca Seamans, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, February 15, 1839. He grew to manhood beneath the parental roof, and obtained his education in the common schools. He has been engaged in farming since attaining his majority, and owns and occupies a part of the old homestead, cleared and improved by his father. For upwards of thirty years he has also followed lumbering in connection with farming. From 1857 to 1865, he was connected with the leading lumber firm of Salamanca, New York, but since the latter year he has resided permanently on his farm. Mr. Seamans was married December 3, 1867, to Susan G. Boileau, a daughter of Daniel R. and Betsey Boileau, of Centre county, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children: Daniel Ray, and Edna Rebecca. In politics, he is a Democrat, and has held various local offices in his township. He is a member of Eulalia Grange, No. 1088, of Westfield, and is recognized as one of the foremost and enterprising citizens of the community.

STEPHEN POTTER, a native of Rhode Island, born in 1789, came to Tioga

county, Pennsylvania, in company with a party of settlers from his State, in 1817, and later cut a road through the forest from the site of Westfield borough to that of Potter Brook. Here he located in 1818, and cleared a farm of 125 acres. The village of Potter Brook stands on a part of the old homestead, the remaining thirty-five acres being owned by his son, George W. Mr. Potter was a stonemason and bricklayer, and followed that business for many years. It is said that he laid every stone in the front portion of the court house at Wellsboro. He learned his trade in Rhode Island, serving seven years' apprenticeship. He married Matilda Aldrich, to which union were born the following children: Sarah Ann, who married Charles H. Metcalf; Elizabeth, who married David Taylor; Stephen, who married Olive Wood; Jonathan, who married Hannah Brooks; Mary Adeley, who married I. C. Thompson; Matilda, who married Calvin Brooks; William, who remained single; John, who married Chloe Seamans; George W., a resident of Westfield township, and Benjamin Franklin, who married Amanda Mack, entered the Union army, and died in Andersonville prison. Mr. Potter was a member of the Free Will Baptist church, and an adherent of the Republican party. He died April 9, 1875, in his eighty-seventh year. His wife died August 26, 1874, in the eighty-second year of her age.

GEORGE W. POTTER, the only surviving son of Stephen and Matilda Potter, was born on the homestead at Potter Brook, Tioga county, February 14, 1835, and obtained his education in the common schools and at Union Academy. On attaining his majority, he worked for a short time at the mason's trade, and afterwards worked as a carpenter for fifteen years. He next engaged in farming, and has since operated a planing, shingle, feed and carding-mill. In 1863 he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, was taken prisoner at the battle of Fredericksburg, and was confined in Libby prison about one month. From there he was sent to Camp Parole, Annapolis, Maryland, where he remained some five months, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg after ten months' service. Mr. Potter has been married three times. His first wife was Mary L. Mulford, a daughter of Edward Mulford, whom he married January 1, 1869. She bore him three children: Newell, Eddie and Frank, and died July 13, 1883. His second wife was Emma R. Baker, a daughter of Harrison Baker, whom he married January 1, 1885. She became the mother of three children, viz: Lena, Leon and Nellie. He was again married July 20, 1895, to Mrs. Sarah E. Ordiway, widow of John Ordiway, and a daughter of Edwin Manning. She has one daughter by her former marriage, Ola Ordiway, now eighteen years of age. Mr. Potter is a Republican, in politics, and a member of the G. A. R.

JAMES KING, SR., a pioneer of Westfield township, Tioga county, and a son of James and Rhoda (Allen) King, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, March 28, 1765. His father was born in December, 1731, and died December 16, 1818. The family traces its ancestry back to James King, who came from England to America and settled in Rhode Island. His son James married a Miss Clark, and reared two sons and several daughters. The sons were David and James. The former never married, but James married Rhoda Allen, and reared seven children, as follows: Keziah, Rhoda, Phoebe, James, Sarah, Amy and Rachel. The subject of this sketch settled on the farm in Westfield borough, now owned by C. E. Krusen, in

1825. He cleared and improved this property and at his death was buried thereon. He introduced and used the first cow stanchions in the county, and was quite a prosperous farmer. He married Roby Howland, born March 9, 1769, who became the mother of thirteen children, viz: Prince, Allen, Eddy, Ozial H., Sarah, who married Christopher Sayles; John, James, Keziah, who married Joel Crandall; Willard H., Hannah, who married Stephen Partello; Roby, who married James Calkins; Adriel and Almon. There was also a half brother, Stephen, who was older than Prince. Mr. King died November 13, 1844, in the eightieth year of his age, and his wife, Roby, November 2, 1836, in her sixty-eighth year.

PRINCE KING, eldest son of James and Roby (Howland) King, was born in Burrillville, Providence county, Rhode Island, June 20, 1789. In 1815 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and in 1821 settled on Jemison creek, in Westfield township. Here he cleared and improved a farm, upon which he died October 14, 1871, at the age of eighty-two years. He married Sally Seelye, a daughter of Ebenezer Seelye, a Revolutionary soldier and a pioneer of Deerfield township. She was born May 4, 1800, the first white female child born in Deerfield, and died April 28, 1845. Ten children were the fruits of this union, viz: James, Allen, Julius S., Roby, who married Rufus A. Stanton; Ozial H., Ebenezer, deceased; Friendship F., who married Squire Southworth; Mary S., who married Ethan Taft, and died May 26, 1894, in Midland, Michigan; Prince W. and Willard A. Mr. King was a carpenter, and followed his trade in connection with farming. Originally a Democrat, he was a Republican from the organization of that party. He was called upon many times to fill various township offices, and was drawn as a juryman in the courts at Wellsboro twenty-one years in succession. Mr. King was a great bible student, led an exemplary life, and was highly respected by his friends and neighbors.

JAMES KING was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, April 9, 1820, a son of Prince King, and grandson of James King, Sr. His parents removed to Westfield township the year after his birth, where he grew to manhood. In 1842 he settled on the farm now owned by his sons, Lorenzo K. and Aaron P., cleared and improved it, and resided there until his death, April 4, 1894. He married Louisa Hoover, a daughter of John and Sarah J. Hoover. Her parents settled in Westfield township in 1833, where her father died in February, 1841, and her mother in June, 1847, aged sixty-three and sixty-six years, respectively. Mrs. King became the mother of seven children, viz: Sally J., who married Alexander Lattimer; Amelia, who married Seth Tremain; Adelia, who married G. H. Tremain (Amelia and Adelia were twins); Sarah M., wife of Charles T. Boom; Rhadetska, Lorenzo K. and Aaron P. Mrs. King died November 15, 1893, aged sixty-seven years. Politically, Mr. King was a Republican from the organization of that party, prior to which he was a Democrat, and held various local offices in the township. He was one of the well-known mechanics and bridge builders of Westfield.

RHADETSKA KING, son of James and Louisa King, was born on the homestead farm, in Westfield township, Tioga county, January 18, 1850, and obtained a common school education. He is a natural mechanic, and has followed carpentering, bridge building, and railroad contracting, in connection with farming. He has resided on his present farm since 1870, and is one of the prosperous citizens of the township. He married Mary E. Boom, a daughter of John F. Boom, of Knoxville, Tioga

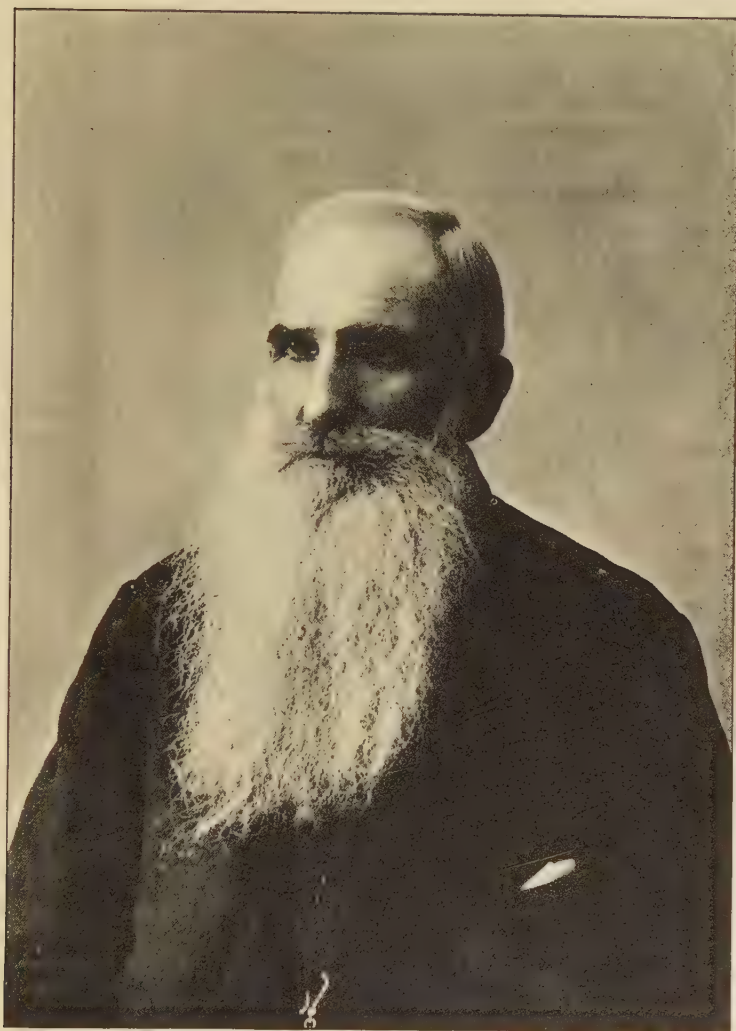
county. Five children were born to this union, three of whom are living, viz: Effie, wife of Byron Havens; Jay and Dix Gilbert. In politics, Mr. King is a Republican, and is one of the progressive citizens of the township.

LORENZO K. KING was born upon the homestead in Westfield township, Tioga county, May 13, 1852, a son of James and Louisa King. He was educated in the common schools and at Mansfield State Normal School; has followed the occupations of farmer, mechanic, teacher and jobber; was clerk in the county commissioners' office at Wellsboro for three years, and served one term as county auditor. He was one of the chief movers in organizing the Cowanesque Valley Agricultural Society; was untiring in his efforts to establish it on a firm foundation, and was its first president. He also started the Breeders' and Dairy Association of Tioga county, of which he is secretary. He has given considerable effort toward writing for various publications, and possesses good literary taste. Mr. King was married April 4, 1885, to Ada E. Haven, a daughter of Solon R. and Amelia A. (Kenyon) Haven, of Westfield township. She was born July 15, 1859, in Rutland, Tioga county, and taught fourteen terms of school. She is the mother of one son, James Rex. In politics, Mr. King is a Republican, and is one of the enterprising citizens of the township.

OZIAL H. KING, son of Prince and Sally King, was born on the old homestead in Westfield township, Tioga county, November 3, 1829. He learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed forty years in connection with farming and lumbering, and has lived on his present farm since 1867. Mr. King was married May 13, 1854, to May Elizabeth Carpenter, a daughter of Samuel and Electa (Parker) Carpenter, of Westfield. She was born August 27, 1834, and is the mother of eight children, viz: Amy Celia, born March 16, 1855, wife of Charles W. Bryant; Electa L., born August 22, 1857, wife of Darius S. Short; Eddie P., born September 29, 1859; James Devillo, born May 12, 1862; Willard H., born August 12, 1864; Frank J., born November 7, 1871; Ward L., born June 5, 1873, and Earl, born May 30, 1877, and died July 15, following. In politics, Mr. King is a Republican.

WILLARD KING, the youngest child of Prince and Sally King, was born on the old homestead in Westfield township, Tioga county, August 29, 1843. He there grew to manhood, and has always made it his residence. At thirteen years of age he left school and started in life as a teamster, but since attaining his majority he has cultivated the homestead farm. For the past thirteen years he has been associated with his brother, Prince W., in the lumber business. On October 26, 1883, Mr. King married Sarah Partello, a daughter of Stephen and Hannah (King) Partello, of Whitesville, New York. Politically, he is a stanch Republican.

WILLIAM HOWLAND, eldest son of John and Susannah (Salisbury) Howland, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1814. His parents were natives of Rhode Island, and among the first settlers of Deerfield township, and later residents of Westfield. Their children were as follows: William, Hannah, who married Eleazer Seeley; Miriam, who married Samuel Monroe; Polly, who married James Swimelar; Roby, Susan, second wife of Samuel Monroe, and John. The subject of this sketch cleared and improved a farm on Jemison creek, in Westfield township, now occupied by his widow, and owned by his son, John M. He married Sarah J. Hoover, a daughter of John and Sarah J. (Al-



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bert) Hoover, January 2, 1840. Her parents were residents of Westfield, whence they came from Schoharie county, New York, in 1830. Thirteen children were the fruits of this union, viz: Melvina, Emily, Miriam, who married Sherwood Hotaling; Sarah J., Polly, who married L. Helmer; John M., Hannah, wife of Dolph Brace; Susan, Louisa, Samuel, Bernicia, wife of Fred Warner; Theron, and Clara, wife of Lee Wilters. Mr. Howland was a prominent farmer of his day, and held various offices in the township. In politics, he was a Republican, and a member of the Baptist church for twenty-three years. He died June 7, 1892.

JOHN MELVIN HOWLAND, eldest son of William and Sarah J. Howland, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, May 17, 1849. He attended the common schools of the district, and since attaining his majority has been extensively engaged in farming and lumbering, turning out about 2,000,000 feet of lumber annually. He is the owner of the old homestead in Westfield township, and also owns a fine farm in Chatham township. Mr. Howland was married April 21, 1867, to Jeannette Chapman, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Swimely) Chapman, of Clymer township, and has five children: Lena B., wife of Henry Spicer; Jennie, wife of Oren Mack; Lewell, who married Ella Mack; Maud, wife of J. W. Smith, and Zecal. In politics, he is an ardent Democrat; has held various township offices, and has served as a member of the Democratic county committee. Mr. Howland is a R. A. M. in the Masonic order.

MELKIER LABAR, son of Melkier Labar, a native of France, was born in 1755, and settled in Westfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1834, on the farm now owned and occupied by his son James. His wife was Margaret Jolly, who became the mother of twelve children, ten of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, as follows: Catherine, who married Jacob Krantz; Deborah, who married Elijah Bellews; George, Philinda, who married Morgan Huyler; Matilda, wife of Samuel Westgate; Priscilla, wife of Allen Brace; Phoebe A., wife of James Carpenter; John, Mary, wife of Delos Parrish, and James. Mr. Labar died on the homestead in Westfield township in 1851, at the ripe old age of ninety-six years.

JAMES LABAR, youngest son of Melkier Labar, was born in Tompkins county, New York, August 9, 1832, and was about two years old when his parents settled in Westfield township, Tioga county. He grew to manhood in this county, obtaining but a limited education in the common schools, and has since lived on the old homestead, most of which he cleared from the original forest. He has erected all of the buildings now upon it, and has owned the farm since 1861. In September, 1863, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. He was wounded in the last mentioned engagement, in June, 1864, and was honorably discharged from the service in July, 1865. In 1855 he married Harriet Hunt, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Knapp) Hunt, of Westfield township, and has two sons: Elvernon and Marion S. Mr. Labar is a Republican, in politics, and is a leading farmer of his township.

TIMOTHY LEONARD was born in Mansfield, Massachusetts, July 3, 1757, a son of Deacon Abiel and Abigail (Elliott) Leonard. His grandfather, Samuel Leonard, was a son of Thomas Leonard, and a grandson of James Leonard,

a native of England, who settled at Taunton, Massachusetts, in 1652. James Leonard was the progenitor of the Leonards of Taunton, and the ancestor of the Leonards of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He erected the first forge or furnace in the Plymouth Colony, which afterwards became the principal one in America. He and his sons often traded with the Indians, with whom they were on terms of friendship, and when King Philip's War broke out, strict orders were given that the Leonards should not be harmed. Thomas Leonard became a noted physician; was a major in the militia, a justice of the peace, a church deacon, and judge of the court of common pleas from 1702 to 1713. Samuel Leonard, his fourth son, was a man of distinguished piety, and filled the offices of deacon in the church, captain and justice of the peace. Deacon Abiel Leonard, son of Samuel, was born February 26, 1710, and died October 27, 1802. But little of his history is known. Timothy Leonard, the subject of this sketch, married Susannah Presby, of Taunton, Massachusetts, who bore him a family of eight children. He was a man of strict integrity, earnest piety, and inherited the sterling qualities of his ancestors, with the exception that he lacked successful financial ability. He died at Smyrna, New York, July 10, 1830.

STEPHEN A. LEONARD, son of Timothy and Susannah Leonard, was born in Saratoga county, New York, September 9, 1798, and in 1836 he settled in Westfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on what is now known as the Leonard homestead. He cleared and improved this farm, and resided there until his death, which occurred May 4, 1868. On April 26, 1821, he married Penninah U. Darrow, to which union were born nine children, viz: Lovina H., who married C. Henry Judd; Sophia, who married Samuel B. Price; Cornelia, who married Darius W. Nobles; Walter, Timothy R., Peter D., S. Selina, who married Sidney Beach; Orpha and Delos F. Mr. Leonard was a licensed preacher of the Wesleyan Methodist church, and in politics, a Republican.

PETER D. LEONARD, son of Stephen A. Leonard, was born in Smyrna, Chenango county, New York, August 19, 1832, and was four years old when his parents located in Westfield township, Tioga county, where he grew to manhood. He was a farmer and manufacturer of cheese, and followed these vocations in Westfield and Delmar townships, also in New York, Harrison Valley and North Bingham, Pennsylvania, finally returning to Westfield, where he continued to reside until his death, March 20, 1893. Mr. Leonard was twice married. His first marriage occurred March 14, 1859, to Selina Houghton, who died July 17, 1860. He was again married December 15, 1863, to Martha Peet, a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Allen) Peet, pioneers of Delmar township, Tioga county. To this marriage were born seven children, four of whom survive, two sons and two daughters.

GEORGE CHAMPLIN, a native of Charleston, Rhode Island, born September 29, 1793, was a son of Joshua Champlin, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1821. He worked a farm on shares in Deerfield township for one year, and in 1822 he purchased a farm in Harrison township, Potter county, cleared up a part of it, and resided there fifteen years. In 1837 he returned to Tioga county, and purchased the land in Westfield township now owned by his sons, James and John, upon which he resided until his death. On January 6, 1822, he married Loney Works, a daughter of James and Rachel (Cass) Works, of Otsego county, New York, to

which union were born eight children, viz: William, Robert H., Mary M., James, Emma A., wife of Stephen Sperry; Joseph W., John, and Alpha A., wife of James E. Dodge.

JAMES CHAMPLIN, son of George and Loney Champlin, was born in Harrison township, Potter county, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1831, and was six years old when his parents located in Westfield township, Tioga county. He attended the pioneer schools of his neighborhood in youth, and assisted his father in clearing and improving the old homestead, of which he now owns seventy-eight acres. He also owns 187 acres adjoining, a good share of which he cleared himself, and erected thereon all of the buildings. He lived there until 1889, and then removed to Cowanesque, where he is now enjoying the fruits of his early industry. In 1861 he married Mary Lattimer, a daughter of James and Helen (Haining) Lattimer, natives of Scotland, who settled in Westfield township in 1853. Her parents died at the age of eighty-five and seventy-five years, respectively. Mrs. Champlin was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, April 10, 1841, and is the mother of five sons, viz: Harrison, Sherman, Luman, James and Elder, all of whom are dead. The three eldest and the youngest all died within five weeks with diphtheria, and a strange coincident is that each died on a Thursday. Mr. Champlin has an adopted daughter, Hilda. In politics, he is a Democrat, and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the township.

HOLLISTER BAKER, born in Rochester, New York, in 1816, a millwright by trade, settled in Westfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1839, and erected one of the first grist-mills in that locality. He afterwards lived on Pine creek for a time and later worked in a foundry and machine shop at Otsego, New York. In 1849 he returned to Westfield and built a foundry, which he operated until the sixties, when it was burned down. In 1865, in company with his son Albert, he rebuilt on the same site, and began the manufacture of carriages and wagons, which they manufactured four years, when the structure was again burned. Nothing daunted, they rebuilt and carried on the works for a short time and then sold out. Mr. Baker has since been engaged in farming. He married Dorlesca Phillips, a daughter of Richard and Amity Phillips, of Westfield, to which union were born six children, viz: Albert, Victoria, wife of Dr. Frank Buck; Cecil E., Viola, wife of E. M. Baker; Effie, wife of Herbert E. Baker, and Ora E. Mrs. Baker died November 10, 1888, aged sixty-six years. Mr. Baker has been rather independent in politics, and has filled the office of assessor.

ALBERT BAKER, eldest son of Hollister Baker, was born in Westfield, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1842. He attended the public schools in boyhood, and later Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. Being a natural mechanic, he adapted himself to the machinist's trade, though for some years prior to the Civil War he worked at carpentering. On May 30, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, First Rifle Regiment, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Reserve, widely known as the Bucktail regiment, and participated in fifteen battles and skirmishes. He lost his left arm at South Mountain, September 15, 1862, and was honorably discharged November 26, following. From 1865 to 1869, he was engaged in business with his father in Westfield, and later studied civil engineering. In May, 1880, he embarked in business for himself in Westfield, where he has since successfully carried

on a foundry, machine and general repair shop. Mr. Baker was married in 1864, to Sellie Smith, a daughter of E. G. and Betsey (Burdic) Smith, of Sabinsville, Tioga county, and has three children: Ilba, wife of Emil Buhr; Vida, wife of Edward Ladd, and Klein D. In politics, Mr. Baker is independent, and has held various local offices.

NEWBURY CLOOS, SR., a native of the Mohawk valley, New York, came with his father, Reuben Cloos, a native of Scotland, to the Cowanesque valley in 1807, and settled in what is now Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he cleared and improved a farm. The records show that he acquired title to his land on January 1, 1808. He was twice married. His first wife, Esther Short, was the mother of eleven children, as follows: Reuben, Polly, who married George Parker; Abel, Matilda, whose first husband was William Falkner, and second husband, Barney Daniels; Sophia, who married Charles Avery, an early settler of Chatham township; Hannah, who became the wife of Daniel D. Church; Armon, David, Ambrose, Newbury, and Esther, who married Henry F. Daniels, all of whom are dead except Mrs. Daniels. Mrs. Cloos died October 2, 1829, and her husband married Mrs. Patty P. Reynolds, who survived him three months. He died May 7, 1853, in his eighty-first year, and his wife, Patty P., August 7, following, in the eighty-third year of her age.

DAVID CLOOS, a son of Newbury and Esther Cloos, was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, March 7, 1809, and was reared on the old homestead. He cleared and improved a farm in his native township, and in December, 1840, removed to Westfield township, where, with the exception of two years that he occupied the old homestead in Deerfield, he resided until his death, July 12, 1863. From December, 1840, to April, 1847, he was proprietor of a hotel in Westfield, after which period he devoted his whole attention to farming. He married Maria Sweet, of Deerfield township, who bore him twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, viz: Ambrose, Noah, Marietta, wife of Elias H. Clark; Amelia, wife of Robert R. Parshall; Matilda, wife of Albert W. Potter; A. Byron, Bernard, Burnett, Marie, wife of G. A. King, and Cora, wife of George Trim.

AMBROSE CLOSE, originally spelled "Cloos," is the eldest son of David and Maria Cloos. He was born in Deerfield township, Tioga county, March 4, 1835, and came to Westfield with his parents when but five years of age. He was reared in Westfield, and educated at the Union Academy and Alfred University. For twenty years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Westfield, and three and a half years at Elkland, and for forty years he has been more or less engaged in farming. Mr. Close was married March 12, 1861, to Ann V. Secord, a daughter of Gilbert S. and Sophia (Marsh) Secord, of Westfield, who bore him one son, Roy, who died February 2, 1881, in his fifteenth year. Mrs. Close died November 9, 1891, aged fifty-nine years. She was an attendant of the Universalist church, a charitable and kind neighbor, and a good wife and mother, who enjoyed the love and esteem of all who knew her. Mr. Close has liberally supported the churches of Westfield, more especially the Universalist church. He is an ardent Republican, has been burgess of Westfield for several terms, and has also filled other local offices. He is recognized as one of the representative citizens of the borough, in which the greater portion of his life has been passed.

DANIEL MCNAUGHTON, M. D., a son of Malcomb and Christie McNaughton, was a native of Howard, Steuben county, New York, and of Scotch descent. He studied medicine in Rochester, New York, and in 1845 began the practice of his profession at Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until his death, which occurred December 24, 1883, aged sixty-five years. He always took an active part in public affairs, was a staunch Republican from the organization of that party, and was appointed postmaster of Westfield in 1861, which position he filled until 1872, when he resigned to take his seat as associate judge of Tioga county. He filled the latter office one term, and was then elected a justice of the peace for Westfield borough. Dr. McNaughton's wife was Ann Gray, a daughter of Abiathar and Amelia Gray, of Howard, New York. She bore him a family of three children, viz: Niles Wesley, Francis D., and Helen M., wife of B. E. Close. As a physician, Dr. McNaughton became prominent among his professional brethren of Tioga and adjoining counties, and as a citizen he was identified with the growth and progress of his adopted home for nearly forty years.

NILES WESLEY MCNAUGHTON, eldest son of Dr. Daniel McNaughton, was born in Westfield, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1845, and was reared in his native town. He was educated in the public schools and at Union Academy, Academy Corners, and at seventeen years of age began clerking in a drug store, which business he followed as clerk and proprietor from 1862 until 1893. During the incumbency of his father as postmaster of Westfield, he filled the position of assistant, and during President Grant's first administration he was appointed postmaster of Westfield, which position he filled continuously until the fall of 1885. Like his father, he is a staunch Republican, and gives his earnest support to the principles and measures of his party. In 1867 he married Emma L. Larrison, a daughter of William and Sarah (Stryker) Larrison, of Clymer township, Tioga county. Mr. McNaughton is a member of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M., Westfield Chapter, No. 265, and Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, of Wellsboro, in all of which he takes an active interest.

WILLIAM SIMMONS was born in Benton, Yates county, New York, December 12, 1827, eldest son of Peter and Sarah (Perry) Simmons. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Simmons, was a pioneer of Yates county, where his father was born. Peter Simmons was twice married. His first wife, Sarah Perry, bore him four children, viz: William, Joseph P., Charles H., and Della, who married Alvah Hurlbut. His second wife, Cynthia Lilley, became the mother of six children, as follows: Leonard, Peter, Wilbert, Lafayette, Triphena, and Elizabeth, who married William Wood. When the subject of this sketch was a child his parents moved to Independence, Allegany county, New York, and a few years later to West Union, Steuben county. In 1845 he came to Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he became a clerk in the store of Russell & Hunt, then in charge of Richard Krusen. About five years later he formed a partnership with Mr. Krusen, and they carried on business in the original store building for two years. In 1855 he purchased a part of the farm in Westfield borough on which he now resides, and has made additional purchases from time to time, erected a commodious residence, and made many other improvements. Mr. Simmons has been connected with the mercantile business more or less for a number of years. He was a member of the firm of E. E. &

William Simmons, of Westfield, for about seven years, and carried on the business for two years alone after his son's death. He has since devoted his principal attention to his farm. On November 3, 1850, he married Annice C. Boardman, a daughter of Elkanah and Clarissa C. (Benedict) Boardman, of Otsego county, New York. Five sons were born to this union, as follows: Esson E., born January 26, 1852, who married Addie L. Smith, and died November 26, 1882; Charles B., born January 19, 1862, who married Lena R. Patten, and lives in Westfield; Frank W., born March 6, 1864, a resident of Buenos Ayres, South America; Fred P., born April 29, 1867, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, who married Ida Lounsbury, and Arthur J., born May 27, 1869, a resident of Westfield. They have also reared an adopted daughter, Mrs. Henry Hyde, of Groton, New York. The family are adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, support the Republican party.

FRANK W. SIMMONS, a son of William Simmons, was born in Oswayo, Potter county, March 6, 1864. He attended the common schools of Westfield and graduated at the State Normal School, Mansfield, in the class of 1882. He then entered the law office of Maj. George W. Merrick, of Wellsboro, but was compelled to discontinue his law studies because of failing eye-sight. He later became book-keeper in the office of H. H. Crary & Company, tanners, of Westfield, and subsequently went to Salamanca, New York, to fill the position of general business manager for the same people, under the firm name of James Horton & Company. In July, 1894, he was sent to Chattanooga, Tennessee, by the United States Leather Company, as superintendent of two tanneries in Tennessee, one in Georgia, and one in Kentucky. In March, 1895, he was sent by the same company to Buenos Ayres, to represent them in South America, where he is at present living. Mr. Simmons was married January 10, 1892, to Fannie W. Seidler, of Leroy, New York, who accompanied him to the southern hemisphere.

ARTHUR J. SIMMONS, youngest son of William Simmons, was born in Westfield, Tioga county, May 27, 1869, and was educated in the Westfield public schools. He later found employment in the tannery of H. H. Crary & Company for a short time, and then went to Salamanca, New York, where he filled the position of book-keeper in the tannery office for some two years. Returning to Tioga county, he became book-keeper in the tannery office at Tioga. In July, 1893, he was appointed traveling auditor of the United States Leather Company, for the tanneries controlled by that company in New York, Wisconsin and Maine, which position he still occupies, though making his home with his parents in Westfield.

LYMAN TREMAIN was born in Connecticut, October 29, 1786, a son of Julius and Lucy Tremain. His father was a son of Joseph and Mary (Shapley) Tremain, and grandson of Joseph and Eliza Tremain, who came from England to America in 1666, and settled at New London, Connecticut. Their grandson, Gaines Tremain, was a soldier in the Revolution. Lyman Tremain was a pioneer of Lawrence township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he improved a farm, and died in Westfield, January 13, 1864. He was married January 16, 1811, to Sophia Mersereau. She was born August 24, 1786, and died August 10, 1880. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Edward, Julius, John M., Joshua, Martin, Theodore and Arthur.

JOHN M. TREMAIN, third son of Lyman and Sophia Tremain, was born December 2, 1816, was reared on a farm, and commenced life for himself at Lindley, Steuben county, New York. He was a pioneer of Lawrence township, Tioga county, where he cleared and improved a farm. In 1858 he removed to Westfield, and died in that borough, January 15, 1878, in his sixty-second year. He was twice married, his first wife being Abigail B. Goodwin, of Lowell, Massachusetts, who bore him ten children, namely: Almira M., who married Orson Edgecomb; Seth K., Lyman J., John A., Gilbert H., Warren H., Abigail, who married George W. Neely; Orrin A., Maria L., who married Robert Walker, and Theodore M. His second wife was Mrs. Betsy Whipple, nee Pierce, of Westfield, who bore him two children, Willis J. and Luther D. Six of his sons by his first marriage served in the Rebellion, namely: Seth K., Lyman J., who is supposed to have been killed in the war; John A., who was killed at Gettysburg; Gilbert H., Warren H., and Orrin A. Mr. Tremain was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, an ardent Republican.

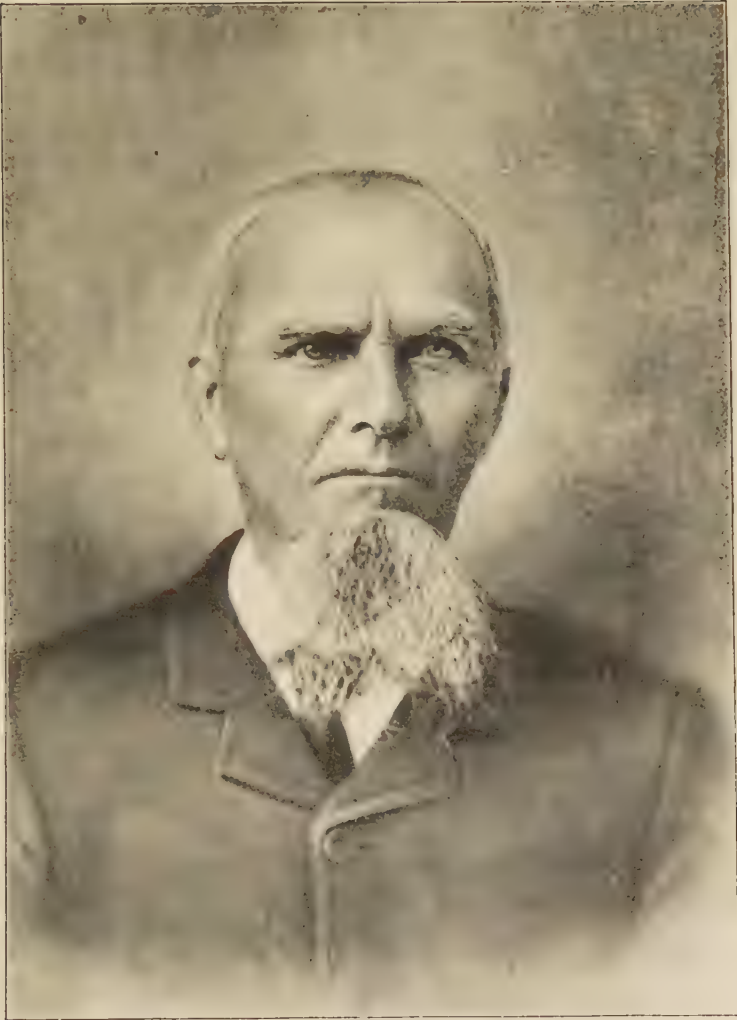
GILBERT H. TREMAIN, fourth son of John M. and Abigail Tremain, was born in Lindley, Steuben county, New York, December 26, 1843, and is of the sixth generation from Joseph and Eliza Tremain, who settled at New London, Connecticut. He was reared in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the common schools. He enlisted in Company D., One Hundred and Forty-first New York Volunteers, August 14, 1862, and served in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Ringgold, Tunnel Hill, Resaca and other engagements. He was wounded at Resaca May 15, 1864, and was honorably discharged from the service May 27, 1865. On his return home he engaged in lumbering up to 1873; later served as constable and collector of Westfield, and in 1882 was appointed agent for the Addison and Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Westfield, which position he still occupies. Mr. Tremain was married May 26, 1869, to Adelia, a daughter of James and Louisa (Hoover) King, of Westfield. He is a member of Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., of Westfield; also of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M., and Westfield Chapter, No. 265, of Westfield, and Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, of Wellsboro. In politics, he is a Republican, and has taken an active interest in local political affairs for many years.

THEODORE TREMAIN was born in Lindley, Steuben county, New York, April 10, 1825, a son of Lyman and Sophia Tremain. He removed with his parents to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and for many years was engaged in farming in Lawrence and Westfield townships. He has been a resident of Cowanesque valley since 1877. Mr. Tremain has been twice married. His first wife was Josephine Sprague, a daughter of Thomas and Keziah (Warren) Sprague, of Westfield, who became the mother of three children, viz: Herman, E. Augustus and Samuel. His second wife was Hannah Reynolds, who bore him two children: Josephine, wife of William Kress, and Lyman H. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist.

JAMES MASTEN, M. D., was born in Penn Yan, New York, May 26, 1827, a son of Cornelius and Maria (Vosburg) Masten. His father was a prominent lawyer of his day, and during President Van Buren's administration he was president judge of Yates county, New York, and was also for a number of years president of Yates County Academy. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Gen. Peter I.

Vosburg, of Stuyvesant, New York, who distinguished himself in the War of the Revolution. Cornelius Masten at one time was the owner of valuable tracts of timber lands in Warren county, Pennsylvania, which have since become valuable as oil producing territory. Dr. Masten was educated at the Yates County Academy, and the Military University at Norwich, Vermont. He commenced the study of medicine with Drs. A. F. & W. Oliver, of Penn Yan, New York, and attended lectures at Buffalo Medical College. He began the practice of his profession at White's Corners, Potter county, Pennsylvania, in 1849, remaining there for eleven years. In 1860 he located at Westfield, Tioga county, where he has since resided, having attained a front rank in the practice of his profession. Dr. Masten was married April 9, 1851, to Nancy C. Manning, a daughter of Lewis and Amanda M. (Gilbert) Manning, of Harrison Valley, Pennsylvania, and grand-daughter of Rev. John D. Gilbert, a distinguished divine of the Protestant Episcopal church. Dr. Masten and wife are the parents of six children, five of whom grew to maturity, viz: Norman L., Ida E., wife of Dr. W. R. Francis; Edward S. and Effie, twins, the latter the wife of Isaac Taft, and Frank G., a graduate of the University of Buffalo, and the Western Pennsylvania Medical College of Pittsburg. He also has a diploma from the New York Polyclinic School, and began the practice of medicine in 1891, and is now located at Westfield. He was married February 18, 1896, in New York City, to Miss Amy Stead. The subject of this sketch is an active member of the Masonic order, with which he has been prominently connected since 1852. He is a member of Westfield Lodge and Chapter, being secretary of the latter, and is a charter member of both organizations. Dr. Masten was censor, vice president, and president of the old Tioga County Medical Society while it was in existence, and is at present a member of the State Medical Society and the Elmira Academy of Medicine. In 1884 he was appointed postmaster of Westfield by President Cleveland, and filled the office four years. He has been a life-long Democrat, as was his father, and a staunch advocate of Democratic principles. He has done considerable work as a correspondent of various newspapers, and has also written a history of Westfield. During the Rebellion he drilled the first members of the famous Bucktail regiment in Tioga county, and has always taken a deep interest in military affairs. As a physician, Dr. Masten is widely known, being the oldest practitioner in the north-western part of Tioga county, where he has enjoyed for many years a large and lucrative practice. He is now president of the Cowanesque Valley Agricultural and Fair Association, and has given much attention to the growth and progress of agriculture.

WILLIAM N. HURLBUT was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1835, third son of Lyman Hurlbut. He came with his parents to Tioga county in the spring of 1856, and five years later removed to Lawrence township. He was educated in the public schools of his native county and at Wyoming Seminary. In 1862 he embarked in merchandising at Westfield, as a member of the firm of R. Krusen & Company, which partnership lasted two years. He then removed to Cowanesque village and formed a partnership with R. Skinner and Ira Edgcomb, under the firm name of R. Skinner & Company, general merchants, and manufacturers of doors, sash and blinds, in which he was engaged for ten years. He then returned to Westfield as a member of the firm of R. Krusen & Company, and



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followed the lumber business until July, 1889. At that time he was appointed postmaster of Westfield, was re-appointed on December 27, 1891, and filled the position up to the close of 1895. Mr. Hurlbut was married January 18, 1869, to Helen Close, a daughter of George and Rachel (Miller) Close, of Westfield, and has three children, viz: Satie B., Nellie and Fred. In politics, a Republican, he has been a school director of Westfield for twenty consecutive years. Mr. Hurlbut is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is one of the enterprising, well-known citizens of Westfield.

ISAAC PLANK, third son of Lovel Plank, Sr., was born at Perris Hill, Oneida county, New York, in 1817, and removed with his parents to Brookfield township, Tioga county, where he received a common school education. He cleared a farm in that township, and followed agriculture until 1875, when he removed to Westfield and embarked in merchandising, which he followed for two years, and then retired from business. He married Sally Ann Smith, a daughter of David and Catherine (Duscheimer) Smith, of Harrison township, Potter county, to which union were born five children, viz: Catherine, wife of Henry Wood; Lovel, Devalience, Harvey, and Lydia, wife of Tyler Spaulding. Mrs. Plank was a member of the Methodist church, and died July 24, 1859, aged forty-two years. In politics, Mr. Plank was a Republican, and held various offices in Brookfield and Westfield, and always took an active interest in public affairs. He was constable and collector for many years, and at one time was personally acquainted with nearly every voter in the county. He was a great favorite with the young, and was familiarly known as "Uncle Isaac." Mr. Plank died May 6, 1883, aged sixty-seven years, dying as he had lived, a consistent member of the Baptist church.

LOVEL PLANK, eldest son of Isaac and Sally Ann Plank, was born in Brookfield township, Tioga county, July 26, 1843, and grew to manhood upon the old homestead. Shortly after attaining his majority, he enlisted in Company D, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was assigned to the Third Brigade, Third Division, Ninth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, and participated in the battles of Fort Stedman, Petersburg, Hatcher's Run, and other minor engagements, and was honorably discharged from the service May 13, 1865. In 1866 he located in Westfield, Tioga county, where he embarked in the grocery business, which he continued for ten years, when he added thereto a stock of dry goods and carried on a general store until 1882. In that year he engaged extensively as a dealer in all kinds of agricultural implements, wagons, buggies, harness, etc., in which he has since successfully continued. The firm of L. Plank & Company also carries on the leading undertaking and furniture establishment in this section of the county, keeping as fine a line of goods as is usually found in large cities. Mr. Plank is also interested in other industries of Westfield. He owns and occupies for business purposes the finest block in the borough, which he erected in 1885 on the same site where he commenced business nearly twenty years before. On August 27, 1868, Mr. Plank married Mary A. Hancock, a daughter of Warren and Clarissa (Hill) Hancock, of Clymer township, and has three children: Lydia, Burt B. and Isaac W. In politics, Mr. Plank is a Republican, was the first burgess of Westfield, and has served three consecutive terms in that office. He is a member of Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., of Westfield; Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M.; West-

field Chapter, No. 265; Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, of Wellsboro, and Jemison Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Westfield. He was one of the founders of the Cowanesque Agricultural Society, of which he was president for several years, and it owes much of its success to his liberality and efforts. Mr. Plank is now the pioneer business man of Westfield and is recognized as one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of the Cowanesque valley.

HARVEY PLANK, the youngest son of Isaac and Sally Ann Plank, was born in Brookfield township, Tioga county, June 19, 1847, and was reared and educated in his native township. After attaining his majority, he engaged in farming until 1883, when he removed to Westfield borough and embarked in the sash and blind manufacturing business, as a member of the firm of R. Krusen & Company, which he continued for two years. He then became a drover and stock dealer, which he followed five years. In 1891 he carried on a meat market in Westfield, and has since been engaged in various pursuits. Mr. Plank was married in 1871, to Jean E. McCoy, a daughter of Hiram and Appia (Coffin) McCoy, of Brookfield township, and has one daughter, Hattie. Politically, he is an earnest Republican, and is a member of the K. of H.

FRANK EBERLE was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 28, 1845, a son of Joseph and Fanny (Schalkohn) Eberle. The Eberle family were tanners for many generations, while his mother came from an old and wealthy family of brewers. Frank was reared and educated in his native land, and there served an apprenticeship of three years at the tanner's trade in his father's tannery and under his father's instruction, and subsequently worked two years as a currier. In 1866 he immigrated to Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked in his brother's tannery one year, as a currier, and in 1867 he located in Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He continued working at his trade for six months and then purchased the old tannery property of Ambrose Close, at that time almost completely run down. With characteristic enterprise and energy, Mr. Eberle soon remodeled and equipped the tannery with modern appliances and machinery, and gradually built up a successful business, his product, upper leather and harness leather, finding a ready market in the east, principally in New York City. Mr. Eberle's great energy was manifested on many occasions. During the flood of 1889 he suffered a loss of over \$8,000, by the washing away of all his vats, barns and storehouses, but he immediately rebuilt the plant, which is to-day one of the best appointed and equipped tanneries in the State. On September 8, 1873, Mr. Eberle was married to Mary H. Jeager, a daughter of Alouis and Crescence (Lang) Jeager, of Germania, Potter county, to which union were born four children, viz: Joseph F., who has charge of the tannery; Frank and Fannie C., both deceased, and Cressie C. Mr. Eberle died April 16, 1895, almost in the prime of life. In his death Westfield lost one of its most substantial and useful citizens. In all that goes to make true manhood and the higher success in life he was a shining example. A kind father and husband, a good neighbor and a charitable man, he won and retained the respect of those who knew him best. He was the moving spirit in the erection of the new Episcopal church at Westfield and was an indefatigable worker in church affairs. He was ever ready to assist the needy and lend a helping hand to those starting in life. In politics, he was a Republican, and was a member of the Knights of Honor. His

son, Joseph F., is following in his father's footsteps, having served an apprenticeship at the tanner's trade in all its branches, and has now the general supervision of the business.

GEORGE BULKLEY, third son of Israel Bulkley, was born in what is now Osceola, Tioga county, October 2, 1801. He was reared on the old homestead; was a natural mechanic, and for some years carried on a general blacksmith and wagon shop. He also owned and conducted a farm and had a fine orchard in which he took much pride, but his taste was for mechanical pursuits. About 1823 he married Laura P. Whitaker, of Osceola, formerly of Rhode Island, who became the mother of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity, viz: Olivia C., who married Julius Seelye; Sarah F., who married Ira D. Hotchkiss; Lucy M., who married Augustus Alba; Edwin B., Hannah, who married Jerome S. Warner; Julia, deceased, and Ralph. In early life Mr. Bulkley was a Whig, but was a staunch Republican from the organization of that party. He died January 17, 1867.

EDWIN B. BULKLEY, eldest son of George and Laura B. Bulkley, was born in Osceola, Tioga county, June 2, 1835. He was reared on the old homestead; educated in the common schools and at Deerfield Academy, and began life as a farmer upon the home place. On March 25, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, Eighty-sixth New York Volunteers, and was honorably discharged from the service October 18, 1862, because of disability through typhoid fever. In 1868 he located at Westfield, where he has since resided. Mr. Bulkley has been twice married. His first wife was Della H. Ellison, a daughter of Richard and Jane (Hazlett) Ellison, of Nelson, Tioga county, who bore him one son, Ira E. The latter married Maude Williams. Mr. Bulkley's second marriage occurred March 30, 1864, to Malvina Doud, a daughter of Harrison and Emily (Miller) Doud, of Lenoxville, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania. She is the mother of three children, viz: Emily, wife of James Streeter; George H., who married Rachel Strait, and Charles E. Mrs. Bulkley's father, Harrison Doud, was a member of the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was a prisoner in Libby prison for some time. Her brother, George H. Doud, also served three years and ten months in the late war. Mr. Bulkley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is an Episcopalian. He is one of the charter members of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M., and is also a member of Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., of Westfield. In politics, he is a Republican.

LYMAN HANCOCK was born in Lebanon, Madison county, New York, in 1799, removed to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1836, and settled in Clymer township. He cleared a portion of a farm from the wilderness, and resided upon it until 1868, when he removed to Westfield, where he died in 1882. His wife, Rhoda Ide, bore him a family of seven children who grew to maturity, viz: Electa, who married Freeman Wilcox; Sophronia, second wife of Freeman Wilcox; J. Warren, John, Oliver, Lyman and William.

JAMES WARREN HANCOCK, eldest son of Lyman and Rhoda (Ide) Hancock, was born in Lebanon, Madison county, New York, July 5, 1830, and came to Tioga county with his parents when six years of age. He was reared in Clymer township, and cleared about sixty acres of the home farm before he was of age, his father having been an invalid from the time our subject was thirteen years old, and never

afterward able to work. He obtained a limited education in the common schools of his neighborhood; learned the carpenter's trade, and has followed that business since attaining his majority. He lived in Clymer township until 1870, in which year he removed to Westfield, where he has since resided. In March, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, and other minor engagements, and was honorably discharged from the service in August, 1865. In 1851 Mr. Hancock married Clarissa, a daughter of Harry M. and Luna (Coburn) Hill, of Clymer township, and has two children: Mary, wife of Lovel Plank, and Clarence. In politics, he is an ardent Republican, and a member of Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., of Westfield. He is also connected with Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M., and Westfield Chapter, No. 265, R. A. M.

WILLIAM KIZER was born in Greenwich, Sussex county, New Jersey, March 7, 1808, and came from Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, to Farmington township, Tioga county, in 1845. Here he cleared and improved a farm, on which he resided until his death, in 1866. His wife was Susannah M. Stocker, a native of Easton, Pennsylvania, whom he married in Wilkes-Barre, February 7, 1836. She bore him a family of nine children, all of whom are living, viz: Morris, Delilah, wife of Samuel Satterlee; Warren H., William M., Frances A., wife of John J. Mascho; John A., Mary A., wife of Charles Stansborough; Charles C. and Legrand R. Mr. Kizer was a Republican; and a staunch adherent of his party.

WILLIAM MORGAN KIZER, third son of William and Susannah M. Kizer, was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1842, and was reared in Farmington township, Tioga county, from the age of three years. He attended the common schools of his neighborhood, and was engaged in farming, and later in butchering, in Westfield and Wellsboro. Since 1869 he has been a resident of Westfield, where he followed farming and merchandising until he finally retired from active business. On May 6, 1862, he enlisted in Company L, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and participated in most of the battles of the Army of the Potomac, including Fredericksburg, Gettysburg and the Wilderness. He received a bayonet wound at Ream's Station, August 21, 1864; was taken prisoner, and confined in Libby, Danville and Salisbury prisons until March, 1865. He was then paroled, and was honorably discharged from the service May 30, 1865. Mr. Kizer was married April 1, 1866, to Nettie Tubbs, a daughter of Samuel and Mary E. (Lewis) Tubbs, of Brookfield township, Tioga county, and has one son, Samuel T., who married Bertha Pritchard, of Westfield. Mr. Kizer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his wife of the Universalist church. In politics, he is a Republican, and is connected with the G. A. R., and the P. of H.

JOSEPH P. SIMMONS was born at Italy Hill, Yates county New York, February 13, 1838, a son of Peter and Sarah (Perry) Simmons. He was reared in West Union, Steuben county, New York, attended the common schools during his boyhood, and commenced life as a farmer in West Union. In 1864 he embarked in the mercantile business at Oswayo, Potter county, Pennsylvania, but after six months removed to White's Corners, same county, and engaged in general merchandising and farming for eight years. In 1872 he located at Westfield, Tioga county, where he has since continued the mercantile business. His wife was Lucy

M. Mosher, a daughter of Lola Mosher, of Big Flats, Chemung county, New York, to whom have been born two sons: George H. and Arthur W. Mr. Simmons is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the E. A. U., and in politics, he is a supporter of the Republican party.

GEORGE H. SIMMONS, eldest son of Joseph P. Simmons, was born in Corning, Steuben county, New York, September 2, 1857. He was reared in New York and Pennsylvania, and was educated in the common schools and at Alfred University. He came to Westfield with his parents in 1872, and in 1879 embarked in the livery business, which he has since continued. He was married September 11, 1878, to Fannie L. Packard, a daughter of Peter M. Packard, of Oxford, New York. Mr. Simmons is a member of the F. & A. M., and the K. O. T. M. He is a staunch Republican, and has served seven consecutive years as constable of Westfield borough.

WILLIAM H. PARSONS was born in what is now Gallatin, Columbia county, New York, July 4, 1827, and is a son of Joshua and Maria (Miller) Parsons, who were of Scotch and Holland Dutch descent. He was reared in his native county, received a limited education in the common schools, and served five years' apprenticeship at the tailor's trade at Hudson, New York. After working as a journeyman three years in Hudson, he removed in 1850 to Lanesboro, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, where he carried on business for himself thirteen years. He was afterwards located in business at Unadilla, Gilbertville and Stamford, New York, and in 1872 settled in Westfield, Tioga county, where he has since conducted a merchant tailoring business. Mr. Parsons has been twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Baker, a daughter of Lewis Baker, of Lanesboro, Pennsylvania, who became the mother of three children: George A., William H., and Frank F. His second wife was Antoinette Flint, a daughter of Henry Flint, of Unadilla, New York, to which union has been born six children, namely: Alice, Lester, Edwin, Anna B., Vanness and Charles J. His wife and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Parsons is a Republican, and has held various offices in Westfield, having served nine successive years as school director, and is now serving his sixteenth year as justice of the peace.

CHRISTOPHER SAYLES was born in Burrellsville, Rhode Island, January 18, 1791, a son of Christopher and Martha (Brown) Sayles. He was of the fourth generation from John Sayles, who came to America from England in the Seventeenth century, and a great-grandson of Roger Williams. He was reared in his native town, and spent three years in Vermont, where he learned the blacksmith's trade. In March, 1825, he removed with his family to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, settling in Delmar township, where he followed his trade until 1828. He then purchased a farm on Jemison creek, in Westfield township, and conducted a farm in connection with his trade until 1856, when he removed to a farm near the village of Westfield. In 1863 he went to Wellsville, New York, where he lived for eighteen years. Returning to Westfield township in 1881, he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Keziah Batcheller, until his death, July 10, 1884, in his ninety-fourth year. His wife, Sarah, was a daughter of James and Roby (Howland) King, of Rhode Island, and a descendant of John Howland and Governor Winston, of Massachusetts, who came over in the Mayflower in 1620. She bore him a family of eight children, who grew to maturity, viz: Ira, Roby, who married Henry Crandall;

James, Loren, Martha, who married Joseph Pickett; Philander, Keziah, who married Harrison Batcheller, and Adriel K. Mr. Sayles is one of the well remembered pioneers of the community.

ADRIEL K. SAYLES, youngest son of Christopher and Sarah Sayles, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, December 9, 1832. He was reared in his native township, learned the blacksmith's trade with his brother James and others, and afterwards followed that business for twelve years as a journeyman. He served in the Rebellion three years, as a sergeant of Company A, of the famous Bucktail regiment, enlisting in 1861 and being honorably discharged in 1864. Mr. Sayles was wounded at Spottsylvania Court House, and participated in nearly every battle in which his regiment was engaged during his term of service. In 1865 he established a blacksmith shop at Edgecomb, and for more than twenty years he has carried on the same business at Westfield, doing the leading business in his line in the borough. In 1862 he married Martha Bennett, a daughter of John and Betsy (Shouff) Bennett, of Elkland, and has two sons: Edmund K., and Elmer T. Mr. Sayles is a stanch Republican, is a member of Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., and is connected with Westfield Lodge, No. 477, and Westfield Chapter, No. 265, F. & A. M.

ARTHUR L. BOTTUM, M. D., was born in what is now Nelson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1847, and is a son of Walter C. and Content (Culver) Bottum. His father was born in Connecticut in 1805, was a son of Clark and Hannah (Clark) Bottum, and came to Tioga county in 1829, his parents coming later and settling in Nelson township. Walter C. was extensively engaged in the lumber business for upwards of thirty years, and during this period he erected three saw-mills in the Cowanesque valley. He also cleared and improved a farm in Nelson township, upon which he resided until 1861, when he removed to Woodhull, Steuben county, New York. In 1886 he returned to Tioga county, and made his home with his son in Westfield until his death, which occurred in 1890, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. His wife was a daughter of Amasa Culver, a native of New England and a surveyor by profession. Her father was one of the pioneers of Tioga county, and owned at one time a portion of the land now embraced in Wellsboro. Mrs. Content Bottum, mother of our subject, was born in what is now Nelson township, Tioga county, in 1810, and was one of six pupils which formed the first private school in that section of the county. She was the mother of six children, as follows: Dorothea, Sarah, who married Samuel Hazlett; Hannah, who married Lester Dorrance; Cornelia, who married T. A. Patterson; Clark, and Arthur L. The last mentioned was reared in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and Steuben county, New York, and received an academical education at the Knoxville and Woodhull Academies. In 1871 he began the study of medicine with Dr. William T. Humphrey, of Osceola, Tioga county, later took a course of lectures at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and was graduated from the Detroit Medical College, Detroit, Michigan, in 1875. In the spring of that year he located at Westfield, where he continued to practice for nine years. He then went to Europe and took a special course at the Royal Imperial Hospital of Vienna, whence he returned to Westfield to continue his professional duties. Dr. Bottum has built up an extensive and lucrative practice, and is recognized as one of the leading physicians of his native county. In 1891 he established a private hospital

in Westfield, for special diseases of women and surgery, which has proven a successful venture. On April 13, 1876, Dr. Bottum was married to Lettia, daughter of David and Isabel (Tate) Webber, of Westfield, and has two children: Charles N., and Content A. The Doctor was a member of the old Tioga County Medical Society during its existence, and in June, 1896, he was elected president of the present society. He is a member of the State Medical Society, and has always taken a deep interest in the growth and progress of medical science. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and is connected with the I. O. O. F., the K. of H., and the K. O. T. M.

JOSEPH FREDERICK RUGABER was born at Hazleton, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1855, a son of Christian Z. and Mary G. (Pfluger) Rugaber, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. His father came to Pennsylvania in 1852, and located at Hazleton, removing in 1857 to Germania, Potter county, where he cleared a farm from the wilderness. He was one of the pioneers of that section and took an active part in building the first public highways in his vicinity. He served in the Rebellion one year, as a member of Company D, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He was the father of ten children, as follows: C. Henry, J. Frederick, Minnie, who married C. N. Rawson; Christian G., Sophia B., who married Cyrus Quick; Pauline C., who married Fred Hagemann; George W., Gottlieben D., who married John McKay; John, and Mary M., wife of Fred Daggett. Mr. Rugaber died in 1885. The subject of this sketch was reared on the homestead in Germania, Potter county, and graduated from the Wellsboro Academy in 1872. In 1873 he entered on an apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade, and served three years. In 1876 he engaged in the shoe business at Westfield, as a member of the firm of Northrup & Rugaber, which partnership existed until 1881. In that year he purchased the plant of the *Free Press*, at Westfield, which he carried on successfully for ten years, enlarging the subscription list from 300 to 1,000 in a short time, and changing the sheet from a four to an eight-page paper. He sold the plant in 1891, and has since conducted a job printing office in Westfield. Since 1892 he has also been proprietor of a variety store. In 1883 he married Sophia Baur, a daughter of John J. and Amelia Baur, of Elmira, New York. They have four children: Charles F., Emma, Arthur and Walter. Mr. Rugaber is a member of the Lutheran church; is a Republican in politics, and is connected with Jemison Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Westfield, Westfield Encampment, Canton Keystone of Wellsboro, the F. & A. M. and the K. O. T. M.

EDWARD M. TUCKER, president of the Farmers and Traders Bank, of Westfield, was born in Troupsburg, Steuben county, New York, February 21, 1839, a son of John and Lydia (Farwell) Tucker. His paternal grandparents, Daniel and Sally J. (Mackenzie) Tucker, were of Scotch ancestry, and were among the pioneers of Chenango county, New York, where they cleared a farm from the primitive forest which is still in the possession of their descendants. Daniel Tucker was the youngest of several brothers who served in the Revolution, two of whom died in the service. The maternal grandparents of our subject, Abram M. and Lydia (Jackson) Farwell, were of Puritan stock. His father, John Tucker, was born in Chenango county, New York, May 8, 1797, and removed to Steuben county in 1827, where he engaged in lumbering. He afterwards followed agricultural pursuits and cleared

a farm which is still owned by the family. He was the father of eight children, five of whom grew to maturity and are now living, as follows: Edward M., Jeannette, wife of L. A. Williams; Daniel A., Catherine S., wife of Oscar F. Spencer, and Naomi. The subject of this sketch was reared on the old homestead in Steuben county, New York, was educated in the common schools and Oxford Academy, and commenced life as a farmer in his native county, where he resided until 1871. In that year he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and in 1872 embarked in merchandising at Little Marsh, in which he continued until 1877, when he removed to Westfield. Here he followed the mercantile business in connection with the purchase of tan bark for the Osceola tannery until 1885, when he became the leading spirit in establishing the Farmers and Traders Bank of Westfield, the only banking house in the borough. It proved a successful business venture, and is recognized as a solid, substantial institution. Mr. Tucker was married in 1862, to Esther M. Perry, a daughter of Wooster and Maria (Lucas) Perry, of Woodhull, Steuben county, New York. They are the parents of two children: Erna L., wife of W. R. Westbrook, and Perry H. Politically, Mr. Tucker is a Republican, and is a member of Ossea Lodge, No. 357, F. & A. M., of Wellsboro. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen, and has shown his public spirit in many ways since locating in Westfield.

JOHN WESLEY SMITH was born in Wayne, Steuben county, New York, February 11, 1852, a son of Benjamin and Lydia J. Smith. His father was a native of England, and came to the United States with his parents in childhood. He was reared in Steuben county, New York, learned the carriage maker's trade, and carried on a shop of his own. He married Lydia J. Smith, a native of Orange county, New York, where her parents were pioneers. Three children were born to this union, viz: John Wesley, George S., deceased, and Carrie, wife of Edward Kniskern, of Elmira. In religion, Mr. Smith was a Methodist, and both he and his wife took a deep interest in church affairs. He died February 22, 1890, aged seventy-two years. His widow resides in Wayne, New York. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native place, was educated in the public schools, and began his business life in 1876 as manager of Strock's Hotel, Woodhull, New York, where he remained two years. In the spring of 1878 he came to Westfield, Tioga county, as manager of the Westfield House, and in November of the same year purchased the hotel, which he has successfully conducted up to the present time. Mr. Smith was married September 3, 1876, to Maria VanGorden, a daughter of J. D. VanGorden, of Barrington, New York. One daughter, Inez, was born to this union, but died in infancy. Mr. Smith is a member of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M.; also of Westfield Chapter, No. 262, and Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, of Wellsboro. Politically, he is a Democrat, and is recognized as one of the progressive citizens of Westfield.

HENRY EICK was born in Prussia, Germany, March 20, 1847, a son of Frederick and Mary (Wilson) Eick, who came to America in 1868 and located in Hancock, Sullivan county, New York. In 1877 they removed to Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where they spent the remaining years of their lives. They had a family of five children, viz: Henry, Mary, wife of Hugh McNellen; Ricka, deceased; Minnie, wife of Henry Roner, and Betty, wife of John Weeks. The subject of this

sketch was reared in his native land, remaining there until 1872, and then immigrated to Sullivan county, New York, where he worked in a tannery three years. In 1875 he located at Westfield, Tioga county, where he has since been in the employ of the Cowanesque tannery, and has held the position of foreman since 1880. Mr. Eick married Augusta Taggie, a daughter of John and Dora Taggie, of Germany. Ten children have been born to this union, viz: Charles, Fred., Otto, deceased; Frank, Willie, deceased; Roland, Mary, deceased; Eddie, Johnnie and Essie. Mr. Eick is a member of the Lutheran church; is a Republican, in politics, and is connected with the K. of H., and the E. A. U. societies.

CLARK KIMBALL was born at Weare, New Hampshire, April 21, 1802, a son of Jonathan and grandson of Jonathan Kimball, both natives of Massachusetts. In 1825 he removed to Woodstock, New York, and in 1835 settled in Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for many years, and also in farming in what is now Osceola borough. He was twice married. His first wife was Clarissa Cilley, of Woodstock, New York, who bore him four children, one of whom survives, Laverne L. His second marriage occurred in May, 1841, to Hannah, a daughter of Clark W. Whittemore, of Lyndeborough, New Hampshire, and grand-daughter of Jonathan Whittemore, a son of Daniel Whittemore. She bore him six children, three of whom survive, viz: Orville S., Alvin C., and Ida H. Although not a member of any religious denomination, he was a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, he was for many years a Republican, but in later life he was a stanch Prohibitionist.

ALVIN C. KIMBALL, son of Clark and Hannah Kimball, was born in what is now Osceola borough, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1846, was reared on the homestead farm, and educated in the Osceola High School. He began teaching at the age of seventeen, and followed that vocation, off and on in Tioga county, and later in Wellsville, Missouri, for a number of years. In 1868 he removed to Wellsville, where he owned a prairie farm, which he cultivated up to 1876, when he returned to Tioga county and lived on the old homestead at Osceola until 1881, since which time he has been a resident of Westfield. From 1880 to 1890 he was engaged in the portrait and view business in various sections of the country. On January 1, 1890, he purchased the plant of the *Free Press*, at Westfield, which paper he has since made one of the brightest and newsiest papers in the county. Mr. Kimball was married October 5, 1867, to Lucy L., a daughter of Orrin P. and Sarah N. (Morse) Rice, of Farmington township, Tioga county. They are the parents of two living children: Claude C. and Orrin E. Mr. Kimball and wife are members of the Universalist church of Westfield. He is connected with the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. of Westfield. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist, and has served in the borough council of Westfield for three years.

ORVILLE S. KIMBALL, son of Clark and Hannah (Whittemore) Kimball, was born in Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1842. In 1847 his parents moved to the farm, where he practically resided until 1893. In February, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Third New York Volunteers, for three years or during the war. The regiment was a few days later ordered to Washington, D. C., thence to Annapolis, Maryland, and embarked on the United States steamer *Erricson*. After a stormy voyage of five days it was landed at Hatteras

Inlet, North Carolina, and the following day, April 1st, proceeded by a river steamer to New Berne. Mr. Kimball's company was on outpost duty at Evans' Mills, seven miles from New Berne, until April 20, 1862, and was then detached with two other companies and sent to Hatteras Island for guard duty. Corporal Kimball, with a detachment of twenty men, was sent to Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, as guard. September 1st, they received orders and joined the regiment on the 29th, at Antietam Creek, Maryland, and marched with the Army of the Potomac to Fredericksburg, Virginia. The army crossed the Rappahannock on December 12, charged Marye's Heights on the 14th and recrossed the river on the 15th. In February, 1863, the regiment came to Newport News, and a month later to Suffolk, Virginia, where it was during the siege of that place, which ended in a hard fought battle, May 3, 1863, in which the regiment sustained heavy loss. It was near Portsmouth, Virginia, May 27, 1863; Yorktown, June 22; White House Landing, July 1; Taylor's Farm and Hanover Junction, July 4, and destroyed the railroad, cutting off Lee's communication with Richmond; returned to Portsmouth, July 13, and landed at Folly Island, South Carolina, August 2, 1863. Mr. Kimball re-enlisted in the field, in same company and regiment, at Folly Island, in February, 1864. He was at James Island, South Carolina, from July 2nd to the 10th, 1864, and while commanding a skirmish line, his boot sole was shot away by a grape shot. He was at Washington, D. C., in August, and later in the Shenandoah Valley until December, 1864. He was at Bermuda Front from January until April, 1865. After the close of hostilities, he was on detached service at Petersburg, and Surry Court House, Virginia, in the subsistence department, until mustered out, December 16, 1865. He was promoted to sergeant in September, 1862, and to orderly sergeant in December, following. On October 24, 1866, he married Mary L., a daughter of Charles D. and Lucretia (Weeks) Cameron, of Osceola, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and went to housekeeping on the old homestead farm. Three children have been born to this union: Ernest Harlan, Ida Grace, and Bessie May. In 1880 he was commissioned a justice of the peace, and held the office for ten consecutive years. He is a charter member of Capt. A. J. Sofield Post, G. A. R., of Osceola, of which he was commander four successive terms, quartermaster one term, and adjutant eight terms. In March, 1891, Mr. Kimball accepted a position with the *Free Press*, of Westfield, with which paper he was editorially connected for nearly five years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, also of the F. & A. M., and he and family are members of the Grange and the K. O. T. M. In politics, a Republican, he gives an earnest support to the principles of that party.

ERNEST HARLAN KIMBALL, only son of Orville S. and Mary L. Kimball, was born at Osceola, Tioga county, March 22, 1868. In early life he showed an aptitude for photography, and has always been identified with that business, which he has prosecuted quite successfully at Elkland, Tioga county, also in Kentucky, Indiana, and different counties of Pennsylvania, as well as at Camden, New Jersey, and other places. In January, 1894, he located permanently at Westfield, where he has established a fine studio and has built up a successful business. Mr. Kimball was married April 23, 1891, to Miss May L. Davies, of Westfield, to which union has been born a son, Harlan D. In politics, he is a Republican, and is also a member

of Westfield Tent, No. 155, K. O. T. M., and a charter member of Fleetfoot Tribe, No. 366, I. O. R. M., of Westfield.

WILSON DAVIS, eldest son of Jared and Parmelia Davis, early settlers of Clymer township, was born in Cortland county, New York, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, with his parents early in the century. He began his business career as a lumberman on Pine creek, which business he continued for many years. He later engaged in farming in Tioga and Potter counties, and died in the latter July 12, 1877, in his sixtieth year. His wife was Esther Pease, a daughter of Abram and Cynthia (Bowen) Pease, of Westfield township, who bore him three children: Frank M., Emmett, and Hattie, wife of Uri Lucas. Mr. Davis was a Democrat in politics, and was a member of the I. O. O. F.

FRANK M. DAVIS, eldest son of Wilson and Esther Davis, was born in Clymer township, Tioga county, August 14, 1853. He grew to maturity in Potter and Tioga counties, attending the public schools during boyhood, and after attaining his majority he followed lumbering for seven years, and for five years was a farmer in Westfield. He was a clerk ten years at the Westfield House, in Westfield, and served one year in the same capacity at the Coles House, in Wellsboro. In 1893 he embarked in the grocery and bakery business at Westfield, in which he still continues. Mr. Davis was married June 10, 1883, to Ida Hoffman, of Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and has three children, viz: John W., Perley, and Hazel. In politics, Mr. Davis is a Democrat. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Westfield; Westfield Encampment, No. 272; Canton Keystone, No. 5, of Wellsboro; also of the K. of P., and the K. of H., and is First Sachem of Fleetfoot Tribe, No. 366, I. O. R. M.

ELISHA S. HORTON was born in Spring Mills, Allegany county, New York, July 10, 1842, a son of Elias and Almira (Knox) Horton, and is descended from Puritan ancestry. His ancestors on the paternal side, tradition says, came to America in the Mayflower, in 1620. His father was a native of Wolcott, Connecticut, was a millwright and carpenter, and settled in early manhood in the Cowanesque valley. He married there and later located at Spring Mills, Allegany county, New York, where he reared his family. In 1865 he returned to Tioga county, locating at Lawrenceville, where he resided until his death, in 1882, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife was a daughter of William Knox, a pioneer of Tioga county, in whose honor the borough of Knoxville was named. Eleven children were the fruits of this union, viz: Alonzo B., Ira, Elias, William, Sarah, who married Christopher Prutsman; Elisha S., John C., Myra, who married J. C. Doane; Chauncey, Emily and Mary. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood at Spring Mills, New York, and received his education in the public schools and at Ulysses Academy. On August 25, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was promoted to second sergeant in 1864. He served in the battles of Winchester, and Chancellorsville, and was with Sherman on his celebrated March to the Sea. He was taken prisoner twice, first at Winchester, where he spent two months doing hospital duty, and was then exchanged. He was again taken prisoner at Chancellorsville, and after spending two months in Libby, Castle Thunder and Belle Island prisons, was paroled and sent to Annapolis, Maryland, where he was exchanged. He rejoined his regiment at Dechard Station, Tennessee,

and was honorably discharged from the service at Washington, D. C., June 30, 1865. He then located at Lawrenceville, Tioga county, and was engaged in farming two years; next went to Blossburg and entered the hardware business, which he followed four years, and then embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, in which he continued for the same period. He later engaged in general merchandising for two years, when he was appointed administrator of his father-in-law's estate. After settling it up he again engaged in farming, but in December, 1882, was appointed station and express agent at Westfield, for the Fall Brook Railroad Company, a position he still holds. Mr. Horton was married in 1872, to Kate Campbell, a daughter of William and Helen (Peaslee) Campbell, of Nelson, and has four children: Frank G., Nellie C., Harry J. and Arthur E. In politics, Mr. Horton is a Republican. He is a member of Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., of Westfield, and Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M.

ASAPH T. KUNKEL, M. D., was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1859, a son of Daniel S. and Catherine (Trexler) Kunkel. He was reared upon the homestead farm, and after obtaining a common school education, he attended the State Normal School at Kutztown, and Muhlenburg College, at Allentown, Pennsylvania. In 1880 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. A. L. Bottum, of Westfield, Tioga county, and afterwards read under Dr. J. W. Chambers, of Baltimore, Maryland. He was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the latter city in 1883, and at once located in practice at Westfield, Tioga county, where he has since prosecuted the duties of his profession. On September 25, 1884, he married Dollie Parker, a daughter of Isaac P. and Ruth (Kelley) Parker, of Brookfield, Pennsylvania. Two children have been born to this union: Ruth and Kate. Dr. Kunkel is a member of the Hornellsville Medical Society, Steuben county, New York, and the Tioga County Medical Society. He is a member of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M.; Jemison Lodge, No. 332, I. O. O. F., of Westfield, and Westfield Encampment.

JOHN R. DENGLE was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1860, a son of John and Mary (Blinn) Dengle, both natives of Germany. His father came to the United States about 1850, and located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, but removed to Wellsboro prior to 1860, where he still resides. For some years he was engaged in farming in Delmar township. His children were John R., Louisa, wife of Herbert Severson; Samuel L., and Anna, wife of William F. Jordan. Our subject was reared in Wellsboro, and was educated in the public schools. In 1877 he entered the employ of White Brothers, grocers, of Wellsboro, in whose services he remained until the fall of 1883. He then removed to Gaines, where he was manager of the store, warehouse and lumber business of Charles H. Rexford, until May, 1885, when he located at Westfield, and has since been successfully engaged in the grocery and crockery business. Mr. Dengle was married February 21, 1883, to Elizabeth U. Rexford, a daughter of Charles H. and Alwilda (Vermilyea) Rexford, of Gaines, and grand-daughter of Horace Vermilyea, one of the first settlers of that section of the county. One daughter, Alwilda M., was born to this union. Mr. Dengle is a member of Jemison Lodge, No. 232, I. O. O. F., of Westfield; Westfield Encampment, No. 272, and Canton Keystone, No. 5, of Wellsboro; the Grand Lodge of

Pennsylvania, and of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M. In politics, he is a staunch Democrat, and was elected burgess of Westfield in February, 1897.

JOHN C. EDGCOMB, conductor on the Addison and Pennsylvania railroad, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1865, a son of Orson and Almira (Tremain) Edgcomb. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Edgcomb, came from Broome county, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, at an early day; was a cooper by trade, and one of the pioneers of the Cowanesque valley. His maternal grandfather, John M. Tremain, was one of the pioneers of Tioga county, as was also his maternal great-grandfather, Lyman Tremain, both of whom have sketches in this chapter. Orson Edgcomb was engaged in lumbering in early manhood, and was later a farmer and hotel-keeper at Cowanesque. His children were as follows: Hester A., wife of George Daugherty; John C., and Charles W. Our subject was reared in Westfield township, and obtained his education in the public schools. He then became an employe of a sash and blind factory at Cowanesque, where he worked for three years. In 1884 he entered the employ of the Addison and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as a brakeman, and in the fall of 1891 was promoted to passenger conductor, a position he still holds. Mr. Edgcomb was married April 24, 1889, to Kittie Melvin, a daughter of Edward and Catherine (Loftus) Melvin, of Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania, and has one daughter, Faye A.

JOHN RIEPPEL was born in Hopfau, Bavaria, Germany, June 8, 1837, a son of Albert and Theresa (Schrembs) Rieppel, who came to the United States in 1872 and located in Renovo, Pennsylvania. His mother died there, and is buried in North Bend Cemetery. His father was an iron worker, and was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for several years. After eleven years' residence in Renovo, he returned to Germany, and died there in 1889, aged seventy-nine years. Our subject was reared in Bavaria, Germany, and was educated in the Industrial and Polytechnic School, and by profession is a mechanical engineer. For seven years he was connected with his father in the machinery and foundry business in Germany. In 1871 he immigrated to Pennsylvania, and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Renovo, where he worked as a machinist for twelve years. In 1883 he removed to Gaines, Tioga county, and carried on a machine shop four years, when he was burned out, and then located in Westfield township, establishing his present foundry and machine shop, which he has since successfully conducted. In 1871 he married Anna Koller, a daughter of Christopher Koller, of Renovo. They are the parents of five children, viz: George, Maggie, Martin, Emma and John. Mr. Rieppel is a member of Renovo Lodge, No. 495, F. & A. M., and in politics, he is independent.

NIMROD STOTT, senior member of the firm of Nimrod Stott & Sons, was born in Yorkshire, England, May 8, 1836, and is a son of Hartley and Nannie (Peal) Stott. He was reared in his native land, and at the age of eight years began working in a stone quarry, at which he served a thorough apprenticeship in all its branches, and has followed the business for over half a century. In 1891 he came to the United States, and located at Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and in partnership with his sons, George, Harry and Nimrod, purchased the stone quarry at that place. They have since so successfully developed and operated it, that it now produces the finest grade of stone for building and flagging purposes. Their

product finds a ready market in Westfield and nearby towns, while large shipments are also occasionally made to Elmira, New York. The handsome new Episcopal church at Westfield is constructed of stone from this quarry, and it has been used in many other buildings in Westfield, while all the stone sidewalks in the borough have been taken from this quarry. The business has become one of the leading industries of the borough. Mr. Stott was married in England, to Maria Jewett, a daughter of John Jewett, of England, and has four living children, viz: George, Harry, Nimrod, and Lucy, wife of John Beach. The firm of Nimrod Stott & Sons is one of the prosperous and substantial ones of Westfield.

JOHN N. MEAD was born in New Jersey, in 1810, and in early manhood lived in Ludlowville, New York, where he was engaged in contracting and in the carriage and foundry business. In 1857 he came to Tioga county and settled on a farm in Chatham township, where he was engaged in farming until his death, April 1, 1872. He was a son of Robert and Rebecca (Nichols) Mead. His first wife, Sarah, was a daughter of William Brown, of Tompkins county, New York, and had two children: William B. and Emily C. His second wife was Maria H. Newton, of the same county, who became the mother of seven children, viz: John N., Celia A., wife of Egbert Woodcock; Sarah L., wife of Horatio Chisholm; Marian A., Maria B., wife of Homer Hawley; Ada R., wife of Alfred Short, and Ward. Mr. Mead was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, an adherent of the Republican party.

WILLIAM B. MEAD, only son of John N. and Sarah (Brown) Mead, was born in Ludlowville, Tompkins county, New York, April 11, 1839, and was eighteen years old when his parents removed to Chatham township, Tioga county. He attended the common schools, and also Union Academy, at Academy Corners, and in 1862 became an apprentice in a sash and blind factory, which business he has since followed. He has been a member of the firm of Plank, Krusen & Company, of Westfield, since 1893. Mr. Mead was married in 1867, to Viola, a daughter of Hiram and Cynthia L. (Thompson) Freeborn, of Knoxville. His second wife was Eva M. Benedict, a daughter of Dr. Elisha and Emily (Ryon) Benedict, of Elkland. They have had two children, only one of whom, Harry, is now living. Mr. Mead is a member of the Presbyterian church, and also of the K. of H. In politics, he is a Republican, and during his residence in Elkland he was a justice of the peace for two years.

E. J. NEAL, proprietor of livery stables, was born in Ulysses, Potter county, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1870, a son of John W. and Mary J. (Bailey) Neal. He was reared in his native county, and obtained a common school education. On attaining his majority, he engaged in the grocery business at Mills, Potter county, Pennsylvania, and in 1893, he located at Westfield, Tioga county, where he has since been connected with the livery business. In June, 1893, he married Miss Bertha Stone, of East Charleston, Tioga county. In politics, Mr. Neal is a Republican.

ASA HILL, proprietor of the American House, Westfield, was born in Ulster county, New York, July 9, 1856, a son of John and Harriet (Bowers) Hill, and of English descent. He was reared in his native county, where he attended the public schools, and in 1879 removed to Laporte, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, where he was employed by the Laporte Tannery Company, for two years. In 1880 he located

at Coudersport, Potter county, where he worked one season in the lumber woods, and after a varied business career, he started a restaurant and billiard hall at Galeton, Potter county, in 1886, which he conducted seven years. In February, 1894, as a member of the firm of Hill & Rohrbach, he purchased the American Hotel property at Westfield, which has since been thoroughly remodeled and fitted up with modern improvements, and under Mr. Hill's management has obtained a fine reputation. He married Carrie Rohrbach, a daughter of John Rohrbach, of Germania, Pennsylvania, in April, 1887, and has one daughter, May. Mr. Hill is a member of Galeton Lodge, No. 1014, I. O. O. F.; Westfield Encampment, No. 272, and Canton Keystone, No. 5, of Wellsboro. Politically, he is a Republican.

JOHN ROHRBACH was born in Sullivan county, New York, May 6, 1862, a son of John and Catherine (Yagge) Rohrbach, both natives of Germany. In 1886 the family located at Germania, Potter county, Pennsylvania, where the father, who was a carpenter, died in 1889. He had a family of ten children, of whom six are now living, viz: Kate, wife of Michael Kerry; Mrs. John Applalf, Lucy, Andrew, John and Michael. Our subject was reared in Sullivan county, New York, and came with his parents to Potter county, Pennsylvania, in 1886, where he worked as a lumberman for six years. In February, 1894, in partnership with Asa Hill, he purchased the American Hotel at Westfield, which they conducted together, under the firm name of Hill & Rohrbach, until Mr. Rohrbach's removal to Addison, New York, in 1895. He was married in 1884, to Libbie Abbel, of Germania, Potter county. In politics, Mr. Rohrbach is a Democrat, and is a member of the A. O. U. W.

GEORGE O. MANWARING was born in Smyrna, Chenango county, New York, March 10, 1863, a son of Daniel O. and Helen A. (Wilber) Manwaring. The family is of English descent, and of Puritan stock. Our subject was reared in his native county, attended the common schools in early boyhood, and at the age of eleven years began working by the month on a farm, in which vocation he continued nine years. He then went to Syracuse, New York, where he was engaged in clerking for five years, and in 1888 came to Potter county, Pennsylvania. For a short time he was employed as a book-keeper in a lumber office, and was engaged in lumbering on his own account for one year. In 1892 he located at Brookfield, Tioga county, where he conducted a general store, and also filled the position of postmaster, up to April 1, 1894, when he removed to Westfield borough, where he has since carried on one of the leading grocery stores of the town. Mr. Manwaring was married November 11, 1891, to Lizzie M. Pedley, a daughter of John and Martha (Malone) Pedley, of Baldwinsville, New York. In politics, he is a Prohibitionist, and in religion, an adherent of the Baptist church.

JOHN YOUMANS, SR., was born in New Jersey, May 12, 1811, and came in boyhood with his parents to Chatham township, Tioga county. They were formerly from New Jersey, and were among the pioneers of this section of the county. John was reared on the homestead farm in Chatham township, and later cleared several farms, one in Covington, and one in Richmond, and also jobbed for others. His wife, Sarah, was a daughter of Jacob A. I. Johnson, of Covington township, and they were the parents of eight children, viz: Harriet, who married Harry Cleveland; Miles, Martha, who married, Z. M. P. Baird; John, William, Alphonso

J., Charlotte, wife of Edwin Klock, and Adelaide, who married Contine Connelly. Mr. Youmans died January 26, 1859. His wife died in the fall of 1862.

JOHN YOUNMANS, second son of John and Sarah Youmans, was born in Covington township, Tioga county, February 2, 1841. He was educated in the common schools and at Mansfield Classical Seminary, and began life as a teacher. He taught for several terms, and was the first principal of the graded school at Covington. In the meantime he had engaged in farming, and in 1880 removed from Covington to Chatham township, where he partially cleared and improved a farm. In 1888 he located in Knoxville, and engaged in the sewing machine business as a salesman for the Singer Manufacturing Company, removing to Westfield in April, 1894. He is now located in Athens, Bradford county, where he is general agent of the Singer Company. Mr. Youmans was married February 15, 1863, to Elizabeth Wallace, a daughter of Thomas and Isabel (Baird) Wallace, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and has five children, viz: Lizzie B., wife of George Beach; Lottie, wife of William H. Husted; Ella, wife of Fred J. Wood; Myron L., and Arthur. In politics, he is independent, has served as auditor of Tioga county one term, and is a member of the K. of H.

DANIEL HUNT, a native of Muncy, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born in 1796, was a son of William and Nancy (Colborn) Hunt, and a grandson of Wilson Hunt, a native of Cheshire, England, who was driven from his native land because of his religious opinions, and at an early day settled in Warren county, New Jersey, whence he removed to Scipio, New York. The parents of our subject immigrated to Muncy, Pennsylvania, and later removed to Lansing, New York, where they died. His father, William Hunt, entered the Continental army at the age of seventeen, and served during the last three years of the war. Daniel Hunt was reared in Lansing, New York, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and in 1840 settled in Westfield township, Tioga county, on the farm now owned and occupied by his son Barton, which, with the assistance of his sons, he cleared and improved. There he resided until his death, December 14, 1862, in his sixty-seventh year. His wife was Sarah Knapp, a daughter of Samuel Knapp, of Dryden, New York. They were the parents of nine children, viz: Samuel, Barton, Ann, who married John Brown; Isaac, who married Catharine Whitmarsh; Charity, who married Dewey Whitmarsh; Harriet, wife of James Labar; Betsey, Freeloove, and Adeline, wife of John Rowland.

BARTON HUNT, second son of Daniel Hunt, was born in Ithaca, New York, November 13, 1824, was reared in Tompkins county until sixteen years of age, and then removed with his parents to Westfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he assisted in clearing the old homestead, which he now owns and occupies, and where he has resided since coming to this county. For twenty-two years he followed lumbering, and was also a pilot for twenty years on Pine creek and the Susquehanna river, from Gaines to Fort Deposit and Columbia. He is an adept with the jack-knife, and has more than a local reputation for making anything that can be whittled out with an ordinary pen-knife. Mr. Hunt was married November 13, 1859, to Anna Douglass, a daughter of William A. and Salina L. (Hancock) Douglass, of Clymer township, and has had four children: Ada, deceased; Effie M., wife of Clawson McMIndes; William Sherman, deceased, and Charles B.



W. C. Kendall.

In politics, Mr. Hunt is a Democrat, has held various local offices in his township, is a good farmer and respected citizen.

JOHN WHITMARSH was born in Otsego county, New York, about 1810, there grew to manhood, and in 1842 settled in Westfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on the farm now occupied by Cornelius Bush. He cleared a portion of it, and resided in this township until his death, at the age of sixty-three years. He was twice married. His first wife, Catherine Hilsinger, of Oneonta, New York, was a daughter of Michael Hilsinger, a Revolutionary soldier. She bore him one son, Alexander. His second wife was Eleanor Hilsinger, a sister of his first wife. Seven children were born to this union, viz: Catherine, wife of Isaac Hunt; Dewey, Jacob, Amelia, wife of Jonathan Weeks; Frances, wife of Oscar Butler; Lucinda, wife of William Case, and Susan, who married Herbert Moore.

DEWEY WHITMARSH, son of John and Eleanor Whitmarsh, was born in Oneonta, New York, March 12, 1832, and was ten years old when his parents settled in Westfield township, Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood, and obtained a limited education in the common schools. At the age of nineteen he commenced life for himself, as a farmer, and in 1866 located on fifty acres of land in Westfield township, which he still occupies, all of which he cleared and improved. In 1851 he married Charity Hunt, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Knapp) Hunt, of Westfield, and is the father of six children, viz: William, Charles, Lavina, wife of Lewis Breese; Alice, wife of Fred Beach; James, and Nettie, wife of Charles Roe. In February, 1864, Mr. Whitmarsh enlisted in Company F, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, North Anna, James River, and Petersburg. He was wounded in the last mentioned engagement, June 17, 1864, and was honorably discharged from the service in February, 1866. In politics, he is a Republican, and is a member of the G. A. R.

AARON L. S. LEACH was born in Niagara county, New York, August 6, 1813, a son of Willard and Irene (Brown) Leach, natives of New Hampshire. He was reared in his native State, where he served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade, which occupation he followed for some years in New York state, and for a short period after his permanent settlement in this county, in 1840. In later life he engaged in farming in Westfield township, clearing a part of the land now owned by James Vincent, and also followed various other occupations, including dealing in horses, hotel keeping, and for a short time was in the grocery business at Westfield. He was a tireless, energetic man, and changed his business as often as circumstances warranted. Mr. Leach was married March 8, 1843, to Mary F. Bennett, a daughter of John W. and Betsey (Shoff) Bennett. She was born in New Hampshire, and became the mother of seven children, viz: James V., a lawyer by profession, who died in 1875, in his thirty-first year; Virgil V., deceased; Frank V., George V., deceased; Ross V., Mary V., deceased, and William V. Mr. Leach died January 25, 1890, in his seventy-seventh year.

ROSS V. LEACH, son of Aaron L. S. Leach, was born in Westfield, Tioga county, June 9, 1853, and obtained a public school education. He commenced life for himself working on a farm by the month. In 1878, with his brother, Frank V., he purchased 100 acres of land in Westfield township, and shortly afterwards bought his brother's interest. He lived upon his farm until 1893, when he removed to

Westfield borough, which has since been his home. Mr. Leach was married March 13, 1878, to Almeda Converse, a daughter of Frank and Adelia (Jones) Converse, of Steuben county, New York. They are the parents of two children: Leon V. and Nina V. In politics, Mr. Leach is a staunch Democrat.

CHARLES H. METCALF was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, in 1802, a son of Daniel and Jedidah (Lacy) Metcalf, natives of Connecticut, and pioneers of Susquehanna county. He was reared in that county, and there learned the cooper's trade. In 1827 he settled in Harrison township, Potter county, where he cleared a farm of 200 acres, upon which he resided until 1843. In that year he removed to Westfield township, Tioga county, where he cleared a portion of a 100-acre farm. In 1833 he married Sarah A. Potter, a daughter of Stephen and Matilda (Aldrich) Potter, pioneers of Westfield township. Four children were born to this union, viz: Sarah M., wife of Peter Edgcomb; James H., Mary E., wife of Charles A. Gilbert, and Stephen L. Mr. Metcalf was prominent in temperance circles, and died July 29, 1878, aged seventy-six years.

JAMES H. METCALF, eldest son of Charles H. and Sarah A. Metcalf, was born in Harrison township, Potter county, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1838, and was five years old when his parents located in Westfield township, Tioga county. He obtained his education in the public schools and at Union Academy, Academy Corners, and later learned the mason's trade, which he followed seventeen years. On August 13, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was honorably discharged May 29, 1863. He re-enlisted February 29, 1864, in Battery F, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and was finally discharged from the service May 29, 1866. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and other engagements. He entered the service as third sergeant, and was promoted to first sergeant. During his second term he was commissary sergeant of Battery I, Provisional Heavy Artillery, and for twenty months was on detached service in the chief quartermaster's department of Appomattox, under Capt. C. W. Folsom. Since 1868 Mr. Metcalf has been engaged in farming in Westfield township, and has also followed his trade when convenient. He was married February 4, 1864, to Philena Tanner, a daughter of A. B. and Dorcas M. (Roblyer) Tanner, of Clymer township, and has three children: Minnie, Estella and Jennie. He married a second time, in 1878, Mrs. Elizabeth Aldrich, nee Dodge, of Westfield. Her parents, Israel and Sally (White) Dodge, came to Potter county as pioneers. Mr. Metcalf is a member of Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., and also of the K. of H. Politically, a Republican, he has served ten years as justice of the peace of Westfield township.

NATHAN BROUGHTON, a native of Delaware county, New York, was among the pioneers of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. In 1817 he located on Pine creek, but later removed to Delmar township, where his principal business was lumbering, and he resided there until his death, at the ripe age of eighty-four years. His wife was Sally Walker, and their children were as follows: Uriel, Henry, Horace, Maria, who married Fred Boos; William, Eliza, who married Andrew Greiner; Rachel, who married Hiram Campbell; Nathan and Everton.

HENRY BROUGHTON, second son of Nathan Broughton, was born in Delaware

county, New York, in 1812, and was about five years old when his parents settled on Pine creek, in Tioga county. He was reared in Delmar township, and in early life engaged in farming and in lumbering. In 1845 he settled in Westfield township, on the farm now owned by his son, William, cleared and improved it, and died there at the age of seventy-two years. His wife was Parmelia Phillips, a daughter of Richard Phillips, of Westfield, who bore him a family of seven children, viz: Sarah J., who married George Baker; William, Saloma, who married Herman Seeley; Barzilla, Phillips, Uriel, and Flora, wife of Le Grand Mascho. Mr. Broughton was an adherent of the Republican party, and in religion, a member of the Christian church.

WILLIAM BROUGHTON, eldest son of Henry Broughton, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, March 27, 1840. When he was five years old his parents removed to Westfield, where he has since resided, now owning the old homestead farm. In 1862 he married Nancy Guile, a daughter of Herrick and Jane (Butler) Guile, of Otsego county, New York. Mr. Broughton is a Republican, in politics, and one of the enterprising farmers of the community in which he lives.

PETER B. BUSH, son of John Bush, was born August 4, 1819, in Orange county, New York, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1843, locating at Knoxville, where he was engaged in the hotel business two years. He then removed to Westfield, and continued the same business five years, conducting the Red Lion and Boardman Hotels. He later engaged in farming, bought and sold stock quite extensively, and for four years operated a stage line between Westfield and Addison, New York. Mr. Bush was twice married. His first wife was Mary Ann Linderman, a daughter of Cornelius Linderman, of Schuyler county, New York, who bore him three children: Cornelius, Mary, wife of Abijah Stanley, and Harriet, wife of Delos Ellis. His second wife was Sarah Miller, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Strawn) Miller, of Chatham township, Tioga county. Four children were born to this union, viz: John M., Samuel, who died February 27, 1896; Jacob, and Edwin M. Mr. Bush died January 7, 1874. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics, a staunch Republican.

CORNELIUS BUSH, eldest child of Peter B. and Mary Ann (Linderman) Bush, was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1844, and when he was about two years old his parents located at Westfield, where he grew to maturity. He then engaged in farming and lumbering, partially clearing the farm in Westfield township on which he now resides, upon which he located in 1867. In 1866 he married Lina L. Douglas, a daughter of William A. and Salina (Hancock) Douglas, of Clymer township. They have had one son, Charles P., who died October 26, 1896. Mr. Bush is a Republican, in politics, and is one of the representative farmers of Westfield township.

JOHN LITTLE was born in Woodhull, Steuben county, New York, May 12, 1834, a son of William and Margaret (Sammis) Little, and came with his mother and family to Westfield township, Tioga county, in 1847, where, with the assistance of her sons, she cleared and improved what is now known as the Graham farm. She married George Graham after locating in this county, and died upon the homestead in Westfield township. By her first husband, William Little, she was the mother of nine children, viz: Susan, who married Luke Scott; Latham M., Jesse,

John, William W., James, Emma, who married William D. Redner; Edwin R., and Mary A., wife of Onan Trowbridge. The subject of this sketch was reared in Westfield township from the age of thirteen years, and obtained his education in a pioneer frame school house. Since arriving at manhood, he has devoted his attention to farming, though sometimes engaged in jobbing as a lumberman. He has cleared a portion of several farms in Westfield township, and has lived on his present homestead since 1864. In August, 1862, Mr. Little enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. After nine months' service he was honorably discharged, having never been absent from duty or missed a day's service during his term. On December 25, 1863, he married Rachel M. Aldrich, a daughter of Halsey and Matilda (Works) Aldrich, of Westfield township, to which union have been born the following children: William J., Jesse H., Halsey J., and Walter D., and they have also an adopted daughter, Grace B. In politics, Mr. Little is a Republican, has held various local offices, and is a member of Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., of Westfield.

THOMAS SPRAGUE settled in Westfield township, Tioga county, in 1849, where he cleared and improved a farm, now owned by L. R. Garner. He was a native of Colchester, Delaware county, New York, and resided on his farm in Westfield township until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-six years. His wife was Keziah Warren, who bore him a family of eleven children, viz: Page, Maria, who married Arthur Tremain; Melissa, who married Fred. Thurber; Josephine, who married Thomas Tremain; Hiram, Helen, who became the wife of John Burtross; Henrietta, who married Hiram Burdic; Hannah, who married Albert Orson; Arthur, Albert, and Mary, who became the wife of L. R. Garner.

HIRAM SPRAGUE, son of Thomas and Keziah Sprague, was born in Colchester, New York, May 18, 1834, and removed with his parents to Westfield township, Tioga county, in 1849. Here he cleared and improved a farm of fifty-one acres upon which he now resides. He married Mary K. Rice, a daughter of Sylvanus and Harriet (Seeley) Rice, of Tioga, and has two children: Lewis and Eugene. In politics, Mr. Sprague is a Republican.

LEWIS SPRAGUE, eldest son of Hiram and Mary K. Sprague, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, October 3, 1862; attended the common schools of his district, and is a farmer and miller by occupation. In politics, he is a Republican, and is filling the offices of constable and collector of Westfield township. On November 27, 1884, he married Alvira A. Cooper, a daughter of Erastus and Amanda (Sedam) Cooper, of Westfield township, and has two children: Frank E. and Harriet A. Mr. Sprague is a member of the K. O. T. M.

WILLETT VINCENT was a native of Swaygo, Dutchess county, New York, born June 3, 1805, and a son of Gilbert and Rebecca (Justis) Vincent, and was of French, English, German and Irish ancestry. He came to Westfield township, Tioga county, in 1850, settling on the farm now occupied by his son, James T. He cleared a portion of it, and there died in November, 1868. His wife was Maria Tompkins, a daughter of Cornelius and Kate (Brown) Tompkins, of Schenectady county, New York. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity, viz: Katie, who married James Southall, of Alabama; James T., Horace G., who died

in 1864, from disease contracted in the army, and who was buried in Greenwood, Long Island; Phoebe, deceased; George, who was killed by a falling tree, in 1859; Dow, deceased; Mary, wife of William R. McFall; Mercy, wife of Mulford Labar; Harriet, wife of Orlando Tarbox, and Gilbert G. Mr. Vincent was a member of the Baptist church, and in politics, an adherent of the Democratic party.

JAMES T. VINCENT, son of Willett and Maria Vincent, was born in Broome county, New York, December 26, 1830, was educated in his native county, and came with his parents to Westfield township, Tioga county, in 1850. He has since resided on the old homestead, settled by his father, most of which he has cleared, paid for and improved. In politics, Mr. Vincent is an independent voter.

ISAAC THOMPSON, a native of Connecticut, born in April, 1794, was a son of Jared Thompson, and a grandson of Samuel Thompson, a pioneer of Tompkins county, New York. In 1832 Isaac settled in Harrison township, Potter county, Pennsylvania, in the midst of an unbroken forest, his nearest neighbors being from two to four miles distant. Here he cleared a farm, upon which he resided until his death, in 1873, aged seventy-nine years. His wife was Keziah Wickes, a daughter of Israel P. Wickes, of Tompkins county, New York, but later a resident of Ohio. She bore him six children who grew to maturity, viz: Lydia, who married E. Z. Olney; Jared, Isaac C., Nancy, who married Aaron Webster; Prudence, who married Alonzo Hawks; Harriet E., who married J. A. Smith, and Israel. Mr. Thompson was a member of the Baptist church, and in politics, an ardent Republican. He filled the office of county commissioner, and also treasurer of Potter county, for one term each, and was a man of enterprise and public spirit.

ISAAC C. THOMPSON, second son of Isaac and Keziah Thompson, was born in Ulysses, Tompkins county, New York, November 16, 1821, and was in his twelfth year when his parents settled in Potter county, Pennsylvania. He attended school in the little log school house of his district, and after attaining his majority, he worked at the carpenter's trade seven years. Since that time, with the exception of four years that he was engaged in merchandising at Potter Brook, where he erected the first store building, he has followed farming in Potter and Tioga counties. He assisted his father to clear the old homestead, and also cleared and improved a farm for himself in Hector township, Potter county, but since 1866 he has been a resident of Westfield township, Tioga county. In September, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers; was detailed on detached service, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865. Mr. Thompson has been twice married. His first wife was Mary A. Potter, a daughter of Stephen and Matilda (Aldrich) Potter, who settled in Westfield township, Tioga county, in 1817. She bore him five children, viz: Emily, who married William Weeks; Sophronia, who married B. F. Mulford; Julia A., who married L. J. Skinner; Eva K., who married A. V. Hawley, and Hattie, who became the wife of William Nivison. He married for his second wife Mrs. Sarah A. Stevens, nee Rossiter. In politics, Mr. Thompson is a Republican, and an advocate of prohibition. During his residence in Potter county, he served as auditor, and also as a justice of the peace. Since locating in Westfield township, he has filled the latter office two terms. He is known in the community as a good citizen, a kind neighbor, and a public-spirited man.

ERASTUS G. HILL, a native of Lebanon, Madison county, New York, was one of the first settlers of Clymer township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he cleared and improved a farm, owning at one time 300 acres of land, which has since been divided into several farms. Later in life he removed to Westfield township, where he continued farming, but afterwards erected a hotel in what is now Westfield borough, known as the Hill House. He conducted this hotel for five years, then sold out and retired from active business. His wife was Violet Thompson, who bore him four children who grew to maturity, viz: Lafayette, Kirk B., Emma, wife of George Parmenter, and Perry. Mr. Hill died in Westfield, in 1879, at the age of sixty-two years.

KIRK B. HILL, second son of Erastus G. and Violet Hill, was born in Clymer township, Tioga county, January 9, 1845. He obtained his education in the common and select schools of Westfield, and in early manhood worked at the carpenter's trade. For fourteen years he was employed in a sash and blind factory at Cowanesque. Since 1883 he has been engaged in farming in Westfield township, and is one of its progressive and successful citizens. Mr. Hill was married September 25, 1874, to Addie Burdic, a daughter of Nelson and Susan (Pease) Burdic, of Westfield, and has two children: Benjamin and Hazel. In politics, he is a Republican, is a member of Eulalia Grange, of Westfield, and has filled various local offices in his township.

JAMES LATTIMER was born in England, February 6, 1803, was a miller by trade, and spent some years in Scotland. In 1854 he immigrated to the United States, and settled in Westfield, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming until his death, September 8, 1889. His wife was Helen Haining, a native of Scotland, who was the mother of eight children, viz: William, Agnes, who married John T. Stephenson; Alexander, Mary, wife of James Champlin; James, George, David and John. Mr. Lattimer was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics, he was an adherent of the Democratic party.

GEORGE LATTIMER, fourth son of James and Helen Lattimer, was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, June 23, 1846, and came with his parents to Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1854. He was reared upon a farm; obtained a common school education, and has followed agricultural pursuits since boyhood. He has resided upon his present homestead in Westfield township since 1879. On December 25, 1874, he married Mary A. Price, a daughter of Phineas and Sybil (Bump) Price, of Westfield township, and has one daughter, Maggie. In politics, Mr. Lattimer is a staunch Democrat, and gives an earnest support to Democratic measures and principles.

S. AUSTIN BUCK, a native of Bennington, Vermont, born about 1826, was a son of Hiram Buck, and came with his parents to Elkland, Tioga county, about 1849. Hiram Buck was a blacksmith, which trade he followed for some years at Elkland, whence he removed to Coudersport. His children were as follows: Abel, S. Austin, Hiram, Clarissa, who married Harry Wheaton; Lucy, who married Alpheus Bassett; Myrtle, who became the wife of William H. Banks; Lucretia, Frank and Charles. The subject of this sketch learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and followed that business for many years at Elkland and Westfield. He was also in the mercantile business at Westfield, and Harrison Valley, Potter

county, for several years, as a member of the firm of R. Krusen & Company, general merchants and millers. About 1865 he purchased the farm in Westfield township now occupied by his sons, Eugene A. and Randolph H., where he continued to reside up to his death, in 1870. His wife was Aurilla Hurlbut, a daughter of Giles Hurlbut, of Harrison township, Potter county, to which union were born four children, viz: Eugene A., Randolph H., Norman and Loren. In politics, Mr. Buck was a Republican, and was a justice of the peace for several years at Harrison Valley.

RANDOLPH H. BUCK, second son of S. Austin Buck, was born in Elkland, Tioga county, November 25, 1852. He was reared in this county, obtained a common school education, and served an apprenticeship of five years at the tanner's trade, which business he gave up on account of ill health. Since 1879 he has been engaged in farming, and is now serving his fourth year as treasurer of the Cowanesque Valley Agricultural Society. Mr. Buck was married October 5, 1876, to Emily A. Wheaton, a daughter of Lewis and Rozetta (Whitcomb) Wheaton, of Pine Creek, Potter county, and has one daughter, Helen O. In politics, he is a Republican, and has been clerk of Westfield township for the past seven years. He has been financial secretary of New Hall Council, No. 846, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Potter Brook, since its organization, and secretary of Eulalia Grange, No. 1088, of Westfield, for the past three years.

JAMES E. DODGE was born in Steuben county, New York, September 26, 1836, a son of Israel and Sally (White) Dodge, both natives of Oxford, Chenango county, New York, who settled in Harrison township, Potter county, Pennsylvania, in 1839. His father was a millwright, at which trade he worked, in connection with farming, until his death. He had a family of nine children, viz: Angeline, who married Henry Cummins; Martin, Franklin, Elizabeth, who married Horatio Aldrich; James E., Vincent, Clarissa, who married John Champlin; Anna, who married Eugene Stevens, and Eugene. The subject of this sketch was reared in Potter county, obtained a common school education, and began life for himself as a lumberman, which business he followed four years. In 1860 he located in Westfield township, Tioga county, where he cleared and improved a farm which he still owns, and is now the owner of two farms in Westfield township, embracing 260 acres, and one of 111 acres in Harrison township, Potter county, besides some village property in Harrison Valley. Mr. Dodge was married October 28, 1860, to Alpha A. Champlin, a daughter of George and Loney (Works) Champlin, of Westfield township. Politically, he is a Republican, and has held various township offices.

DEACON RICHARD ELLIS, sixth child of Reuben and Mehitabel (Scott) Ellis, was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts, December 20, 1760. His paternal grandfather, Richard Ellis, born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1704, came to America in 1717, landing in Massachusetts, and in 1728 married Jane Phillips, a daughter of Capt. John Phillips, of Easton, that State. They had a family of nine children. Reuben Ellis, the father of Deacon Richard Ellis, was born in Easton, November 5, 1728, there grew to manhood, and served in the French and Indian War from 1754 to 1757. He was an ensign in the Colonial service, and three of his sons served in the Revolutionary War, the subject of this sketch being one of them. In 1811 Deacon Richard Ellis settled in Delmar township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, purchasing a large tract of land, upon which he later built two saw-mills and two grist-mills.

He manufactured lumber on Pine creek, and was a man of great industry and enterprise. In later life he removed to Ellisburg, Potter county, which was named in his honor, where he erected a saw-mill, a grist-mill and a tavern. He was twice married, his first wife being Eunice Chilson, who bore him six children. His second wife, Chloe Chilson, was a sister of his first, and to this union thirteen children were born. Mr. Ellis was a member of the Baptist church, to which denomination most of his children adhered. He died at Ellisburg, Potter county, May 14, 1841.

RICHARD ELLIS, JR., was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts, December 6, 1795, a son of Deacon Richard and Chloe Ellis, and came to Delmar township, Tioga county, with his parents in 1811. He became a Baptist minister, though not ordained for some years after he commenced to preach. He kept a general store and shoe shop at Wellsboro, for several years. His wife was Patience Herrington, who bore him four children, viz: Amasa, Consider, Samuel G. and John M. Mr. Ellis died in Wellsboro, in 1827.

AMASA ELLIS, eldest son of Richard Ellis, Jr., was born in what is now Shippen township, Tioga county, February 18, 1819. In 1840 he located in the town of Willing, Allegany county, New York, where he followed farming until 1865, when he removed to Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, which has since been his home. On September 29, 1849, he married Martha Schoonover, a daughter of Christopher and Chloe (Pemberton) Schoonover, of Clymer township, Tioga county. Five children have been born to this union, viz: Mary E., wife of E. A. Buck; Delos E., James D., Frank and Charles. In religious belief, Mr. Ellis is a Baptist, and in politics, a stanch Democrat. During his residence in Willing, New York, he held the office of supervisor for seven consecutive years.

DELOS E. ELLIS was born in Allegany county, New York, in the town of Willing, September 13, 1853, a son of Amasa and Martha Ellis. He came to Tioga county with his parents when about twelve years old, and obtained a common school education. Since early manhood he has been engaged in farming in Westfield township. On October 10, 1882, Mr. Ellis married Harriet Bush, a daughter of Peter B. and Mary A. Bush, of Westfield township, and has three children: Fred, Bessie M. and Burt. In politics, he is a Democrat.

JOB REXFORD was born in Cincinnatus, Cortland county, New York, January 23, 1817, and was of Irish descent. About 1839 he came to Shippen township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and for twenty-eight years was engaged in lumbering on Pine creek. In 1865 he located in Westfield, and in 1877 removed to Harrison Valley, Potter county, where he died in 1880. His wife was Chloe Ellis, a daughter of David Ellis, of Shippen township. She became the mother of three children who grew to maturity, viz: Perry E., Nancy O., wife of J. W. Stevens, and Stella, wife of Dr. E. J. Shaw. Mr. Rexford enjoyed a wide acquaintance in Tioga county, and was one of its prominent citizens for many years. In politics, he was a Republican, and filled the office of county commissioner for three terms, being the only man to enjoy that honor in the history of the county.

PERRY E. REXFORD, only son and eldest child of Job and Chloe Rexford, was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, February 22, 1845, and grew to manhood in his native county. He attended the common schools in boyhood, and began his business life as a farmer, which vocation he has followed up to the present. Since 1866 he has occupied his present homestead farm in Westfield township. In 1870

he married Clara J. Swetland, a daughter of M. W. and Parmelia (Stevens) Swetland, of Harrison township, Potter county, and has three children, viz: Lillian, Edith and Lena. Mr. Rexford is a member of the Baptist church, in politics, a Republican, and has held various township offices.

JOHN P. STEPHENSON was born in Dumfrieshire, Scotland, August 13, 1826, a son of James and Elizabeth (Pool) Stephenson. He was reared upon a farm in his native land, and in 1852 immigrated to Pennsylvania and settled in Westfield township, Tioga county, where he spent five years. For the following five years he was engaged in farming in Du Page county, Illinois. In July, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteers, and participated in the battle of Stone River and all of the engagements on Sherman's March to the Sea. He was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., June 7, 1865. Returning to Westfield, Tioga county, he there engaged in farming, and was also employed in the planing mill at Cowanesque for eleven years. Here he lost his right hand, and has since lived retired from active life. Mr. Stephenson was married in 1845, to Agnes Lattimer, a daughter of James and Helen (Haining) Lattimer, of Westfield township, all natives of Dumfrieshire, Scotland. They are the parents of ten children, viz: John, William, Mathew, Helen, wife of A. P. King; James, Archibald, Mary, Janet, Frank and George. In politics, Mr. Stephenson is a Republican, has held the offices of school director and supervisor of Westfield township, and is a member of the G. A. R.

SAMUEL TUBBS was born in Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in February, 1823. His father, James Tubbs, was a son of Samuel Tubbs, Sr., a pioneer of Elkland, who at one time owned the land upon which that borough stands. James was born in January, 1800, and came to the site of Elkland with his parents in 1811. He married Sally Coates, and they were the parents of two sons: Samuel and Benjamin. The former was reared in Elkland and Brookfield townships, and now resides in Brookfield, where he has been engaged in farming for more than half a century, having cleared and improved three farms in that township. He married Mary Lewis, a daughter of Simon Lewis, of Brookfield. Mrs. Tubbs became the mother of four children, and died December 9, 1872. The children are as follows: James B., Jeannette, wife of Morgan Kizer; Charles F., and Lucina, the last of whom died February 5, 1872. Mr. Tubbs is a staunch Republican, and one of the substantial farmers of his native county.

JAMES B. TUBBS, eldest son of Samuel and Mary Tubbs, was born in Brookfield township, Tioga county, July 3, 1844. He received an academical education in Union and Troupsburg Academies. He has followed agriculture as an occupation since boyhood, but has devoted some attention to teaching vocal and band music, and was chorister in the Methodist Episcopal church over twenty-five years. He located in Westfield in 1867, which has since been his home. In September, 1892, he was appointed superintendent of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, which position he still occupies. Mr. Tubbs was married March 16, 1867, to Mary Snyder, a daughter of John and Sally (Marble) Snyder, of Harrison, Potter county, and has two children: Carrie G., wife of Frank Wedge, and Lewis L. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church; also of the Grange, and the E. A. U., and is Wigwam of Fleetfoot Tribe, No. 366, Improved Order of Red Men. In politics, he is a Republican, has held the office of constable, and is now serving his second term as assessor of Westfield township.

CHARLES H. MARTIN was born in Erwin, Steuben county, New York, August 2, 1850, a son of Alfred and Mary J. (Onan) Martin. His paternal grandfather, Hiram Martin, was a son of John Martin, a pioneer of Addison, New York. His maternal grandfather, James Onan, was born in Ireland September 15, 1785. In 1806, being then in his twenty-first year, he left his native country for America. While on his way across the ocean he was taken by a British man-of-war and held prisoner three years, when he effected his escape. After remaining secreted in Porto Rico three months, he made his way to the United States, and was naturalized in Philadelphia, September 20, 1815. He afterwards removed to Cattaraugus county, New York. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, and there received a common school education. In 1869 he located at Cowanesque, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and began work in the sash and blind factory at Cowanesque, afterwards owned and operated by him for two years, and of which he has held the position of foreman for eighteen years. Mr. Martin married Olive Luce, a daughter of Ira and Isabel (Pease) Luce, of Cayuga county, New York, September 30, 1874, and has one son, Randall. In politics, he is a Democrat, has held various township offices, and is now postmaster of Cowanesque. He is a member of Jemison Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Westfield.

DANA LEARN was born in Groton, Tompkins county, New York, May 31, 1849, son of Daniel J. S. and Catherine (Houser) Learn. Both his paternal and maternal grandfathers, John Learn and Samuel Houser, lived at Lansing, Tompkins county. Our subject was reared in his native county, and obtained a common school education. In 1870 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and for two years worked on a farm and in the lumber woods. In 1873 he engaged in farming in Clymer township, and the following year was elected constable of that subdivision. In 1875 he removed to Woodhull, Steuben county, New York, but returned to Tioga county in 1876, and located in Westfield township, where he followed agriculture for three years. In 1879 he purchased a farm in Brookfield township, and lived upon it two years. In 1880 he bought 110 acres in Westfield township, to which he afterwards added fifty-seven acres adjoining, making a total of 167 acres, seventy of which he cleared and improved himself. Mr. Learn married Anna Baker, a daughter of Sylvanus and Sally (Guiles) Baker, of Westfield township, February 5, 1873. Six children have been born to this union, viz: L. Claude, Alta J., George W., Grace, Clair and William. In politics, Mr. Learn is a Democrat; has held the office of school director of Westfield township for two years, and is one of the substantial farmers in his locality.

PETER RUSHMORE came from Dutchess county, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, early in the present century, and settled at Knoxville, removing at a later day to Clymer township, where he cleared and improved a farm, upon which he spent the remaining years of his life. His wife was Amelia Wyatt, and their children were as follows: Samuel, Amelia, who married George Campbell; Elsie, who married Elihu Wixon; Abbey, who married Arch Knox; John, Silas, Emily, who married William Tate; Joshua, Lizzie, who became the wife of Joseph Sunderlain, and Watson R.

SILAS RUSHMORE, son of Peter and Amelia Rushmore, was a native of New York state, and came to Tioga county with his parents. He was a tanner and

currier, and operated a tannery in Clymer township about fifteen years, where he also cleared and improved a farm. His wife was Hannah Baker, a daughter of James and Deborah Baker, of Warsaw, New York, who became the mother of eight children, viz: Watson R., James B., Peter, Silas, Levi, William, Deborah, who married Wallace Wheaton, and Frank. Mr. Rushmore was a Democrat, in politics, and filled various offices in Clymer township. He died upon his farm in that township, August 7, 1878, at the age of sixty-four years.

WATSON R. RUSHMORE, eldest son of Silas and Hannah Rushmore, was born in Warsaw, Yates county, New York, September 16, 1843, was reared in Clymer township, Tioga county, and obtained a common school education. In 1869 he commenced farming for himself in Clymer township, which occupation he has since successfully continued, owning two fine farms in Westfield township, where he permanently located in 1877. Since the fall of 1892 he has been a resident of Westfield borough. On October 20, 1869, he married Sophena Cottrell, a daughter of Dr. W. S. Cottrell, of Whitesville, New York, and has four living children, viz: William, Celestia, wife of Ira Sherwood; Albert E. and Nina May. On August 18, 1864, Mr. Rushmore enlisted in Company D, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was in the battles of Hallett House Battery, Hatcher's Run, Fort Steadman, Stony Creek, and Petersburg. He was wounded in the last mentioned engagement, April 2, 1865, and was honorably discharged, May 27, following. Mr. Rushmore is a member of the Baptist church, and is connected with the K. of H., the Grange, and the G. A. R. In politics, he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

JOSEPH M. DECKER, a native of New York state, was a son of Henry Decker, and was reared in Chemung county. He learned the carpenter's trade, followed it in Breesport, New York, and in 1870 settled in Rutland township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he continued working at his trade in connection with farming. In 1882 he removed to Westfield township, and resided there until his death, which occurred on January 25, 1892, in his sixtieth year. Mr. Decker was thrice married. His first wife was Jane Benson, who bore him one son, John. His second wife was Minerva Wood, a daughter of Stephen H. Wood, of Rutland township, to which union were born three children, viz: Addie J., wife of Edgar Smith; Charles F., and Anna, deceased. His third wife was Eliza A. Ackley, of Westfield township. Mr. Decker was a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics, a staunch Republican.

CHARLES F. DECKER, son of Joseph M. and Minerva (Wood) Decker, was born in Chemung county, New York, April 30, 1862, and was ten years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He attended the common schools, and also Mansfield Business College, and has been a farmer since attaining his majority. He owns a farm in Rutland township, but has resided in Westfield township since 1885. He married Hattie Ackley, a daughter of Henry C. and Eliza (Sweazy) Ackley, of Westfield, to which union have been born three children: Maude, Charles H. and Joseph Walter. Mr. Decker is an adherent of the Republican party.

WALTER C. KENDALL was born at Altay, Schuyler county, New York, October 22, 1858, a son of Merritt and Adeline (Carmichael) Kendall, and is of New England and Scotch descent. He was reared in his native county, and educated in the public

schools. He engaged in merchandising in 1877, at Kendall Station, Chemung county, New York, where he carried on business two years, and then removed to Moreland, Schuyler county, where he continued as a merchant three years. In 1882, he located at Potter Brook, in general merchandising, where he has since successfully carried on business, having to-day one of the finest stores in the county. From 1882 to 1889 he was also extensively engaged in lumbering, and for five years has been a member of the firm of Kendall & Wyckoff, proprietors of the Kendall House at Potter Brook. In January, 1886, he married Maude Derr, a daughter of David and Alice (Schrayer) Derr, of Hector, Potter county, and has two sons: Clarence and Arthur. Mr. Kendall is a Democrat, in politics, and has been postmaster of Potter Brook since June, 1894. He is a member of the K. of H., and is recognized as one of the enterprising citizens of the county.

CHARLES D. MARKHAM was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1854, a son of William and Betsey Markham, a sketch of whom will be found in this chapter. The subject of this sketch was reared in Knoxville, and obtained a common school education. He began his business career as a clerk in a drug store at Knoxville, in which he served three years, when he purchased the business of his employer and carried it on four years. The year 1882 he spent in the South, and in 1883 he located at Potter Brook, Tioga county, where he has since carried on general merchandising. In 1879 Mr. Markham married Emma J. Martin, a daughter of William and Mary A. (Johnson) Martin, of Knoxville, and has one son, Carl W. Mr. Markham is a member of the Christian church, and also of Cowanesque Lodge, No. 351, F. & A. M. In politics, he is a Republican, and served as postmaster of Potter Brook five years.

MATTHEW EUGENE McNINCH was born in Conesus, Livingston county, New York, March 5, 1851, and is a son of John and Clarissa (Cruger) McNinch. He grew to manhood in his native county, and there received a common school education. In 1876 he located in Clymer township, Tioga county, where he was engaged in farming until 1883, in which year he removed to Westfield township, where he has continued in agricultural pursuits, and also conducted a milk route in Westfield borough. Mr. McNinch was married January 1, 1874, to Amanda A. Brownell, a daughter of Rev. Veranus Brownell, of Livingston county, New York, and has one daughter, Ada Louise, wife of Delos Cooper. In politics, he is a Republican, and is one of the enterprising young farmers of the township.

WILLIAM CHAMPLAIN, a son of George and Loney (Works) Champlain, was a native of Potter county, Pennsylvania, but in early life removed to Westfield township, Tioga county, where he spent the remaining years of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. His wife was Nancy Verguson, and they were the parents of two sons, George and Robert.

ROBERT CHAMPLAIN, youngest son of William and Nancy Champlain, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, September 2, 1846, and lived in his native township until his death, September 24, 1879, caused by being accidentally shot while cutting corn on his farm. He dwelt on a part of the old homestead, and also owned a farm on Broughton hill, which he cleared and improved. His wife, Helen Eliza, was a daughter of Hiram and Catherine Graves, of Otsego county, New York,

and bore him two children, Joseph and Emmett. The widow of Robert Champlain married I. P. Van Zile, and now resides in Osceola.

JOSEPH CHAMPLAIN, eldest son of Robert and Helen E. Champlain, was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, October 1, 1867, and attended the public schools of Westfield and Osceola in boyhood. He served an apprenticeship of four years at the blacksmith's trade, and has worked as a journeyman since 1885. He is a member of the K. O. T. M., and in politics, an adherent of the Republican party.

BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM SIMMONS was born April 7, 1804, in Delaware county, New York, and removed to Brookfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1816. In 1819 he married Mary A. Brown, a daughter of John H. Brown, a Revolutionary soldier, and one of the first settlers in Brookfield township. The following children were born to this marriage: John, Ebenezer, Lucinda, who married Rev. William G. Raymond; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Montague; Andrew J., and Mary, wife of William Bullock. Mr. Simmons first settled on the farm now owned by John Dougherty, made a small clearing there, and later removed to the farm now owned by his son, Andrew J., which, with the assistance of his sons, he cleared and improved. He died upon the homestead January 17, 1880, aged nearly seventy-six years. He kept a general store for many years, and for fifteen years filled the office of justice of the peace. He was one of the leading Republicans of his township, and a very worthy citizen.

ANDREW J. SIMMONS, youngest son of William Simmons, was born upon his present homestead in Brookfield township, Tioga county, December 12, 1835. He attended the common schools of his neighborhood, and later Union Academy, at Academy Corners. He owns and occupies the old homestead, and since 1858 has been engaged in farming, though he also conducted a general store in Brookfield for twenty years, and held the office of postmaster for the same period. December 9, 1858, Mr. Simmons married Martha Hunt, a daughter of Richard and Phoebe Hunt, of Brookfield township. They are the parents of eight children, viz: Gaylord B., Fred C., Rose, wife of G. A. Kelley; Mary, wife of Kirk Perry; George W., Amanda, wife of Schuyler Lozier; Willie, and Lena, wife of P. E. Parker. Mr. Simmons is the possessor of a valuable relic, consisting of a hollow pewter tube, with a plunger or rod for compressing air, which was used by his grandfather, John H. Brown, during the Revolution, for lighting punk with which to build fires. In politics, he is an independent voter, and is an active member of the Farmers' Alliance.

DANIEL SCHOONOVER, a son of Richard and Mima (Bailey) Schoonover, was one of the early settlers of Brookfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. His father was a native of Massachusetts, whence he removed to Lower Canada and later to Troupsburg, New York, where he died at the age of eighty-seven years. In 1814 Daniel settled on a piece of forest land in Brookfield, which he cleared and improved. It is now owned by Jonas G. Kilburn. In 1865 he removed to McKean county, where he died in 1867. His first wife was Minerva Seely, a daughter of Cornelius and Sally Seely, and bore him three children: Anson, Benjamin and Richard. His second wife was Dama Warner, to which union were born three children, viz: Ezra, Charlotte, who married Joseph Fairbanks, and Daniel.

RICHARD SCHOONOVER, youngest son of Daniel and Minerva Schoonover, was born in Brookfield township, Tioga county, August 6, 1826, there grew to maturity, and obtained a common school education. He began his business life as a jobber in lumber, but in 1847 located on a farm in Steuben county, New York, and engaged in farming. He returned to Brookfield township in 1875, since which time he has occupied the farm upon which he now lives. For many years he dealt in agricultural implements, beginning in New York state, and has also been engaged in merchandising at Austinburg for several years in company with his son, Richard P. Nearly all his life he has been more or less engaged in lumbering, which business he has found congenial. In April, 1848, he married Sophronia Schoonover, a daughter of Christopher and Chloe (Pemberton) Schoonover, of Clymer township. They have reared five children, viz: Chloe, deceased; Richard P., Lucina, deceased wife of John D. George; Hiram B., deceased, and Elizabeth. In politics, he is an independent Democrat, and has held various local offices in Brookfield.

RICHARD P. SCHOONOVER, son of Richard and Sophronia Schoonover, was born in Troupsburg, New York, February 8, 1854, and was reared to manhood in his native county, receiving a common school education. In 1880 he located in Brookfield township, Tioga county, where he followed farming until 1892, when he embarked in merchandising at Austinburg, in which business he still continues. Mr. Schoonover was married February 26, 1873, to Eliza Lurvey, a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (George) Lurvey, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and has three children: Albertus, Hiram and Teresa. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church; also of the K. O. T. M., and the P. of H. In politics, a Democrat, he has served as clerk of Brookfield township three terms, and has been postmaster at Austinburg since 1892.

DARIUS W. NOBLES was born in Brookfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1823, a son of Asahel and Hannah (Joseph) Nobles. His father, and grandfather, Azel Nobles, both settled in Brookfield township in 1816, locating on the farm now the home of W. S. Hubbard, which was cleared and improved by Asahel Nobles, and on which Asahel and Darius W. lived and died. Azel, grandfather of Darius W., lived on the homestead but a short time. He removed to Farmington township, and there died. Five generations of the family have lived on the homestead, the wife of W. S. Hubbard being the fourth, and their son, Forrest L., the fifth. Asahel Nobles was the father of two children, viz: Hannah, who married John R. Coffin, and Darius W. The latter was born, reared and died on the old homestead. His wife was Cornelia Leonard, a daughter of Rev. Stephen A. and Peninah U. (Darrow) Leonard, of Westfield. She was the mother of four children, as follows: George R., Walter L., Emma P., wife of W. S. Hubbard, and Cora S., wife of Gaylord B. Simmons. Mr. Nobles died March 11, 1894. He was a staunch Republican, filled various local offices in his township, and was recognized as one of its most prominent citizens.

WINFIELD SCOTT HUBBARD was born in Troupsburg, Steuben county, New York, April 28, 1855, and is a son of Noah B. and Jemima (Cady) Hubbard. He was reared in his native town, and educated in the common schools. Since 1876 he has resided in Brookfield township, Tioga county, where he has been engaged in farming. August 28, 1881, he married Emma P. Nobles, a daughter of Darius W.

and Cornelia Nobles, of Brookfield township, and has one son, Forrest L. Mr. Hubbard is a member of the K. O. T. M.; is a Republican, in politics, and has held various local offices in the township.

LOVEL PLANK, SR., a native of Pomfret, Connecticut, born April 24, 1795, was a son of William and Olive J. (Holmes) Plank, and a grandson of Ebenezer and Jedidah Plank, who were of English descent. Lovel was the youngest in a family of six children, named as follows: Matilda, Waldo, Elijah, Elisha, Elizabeth and Lovel. In 1831 he settled in Brookfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on the farm now owned by his grandson, W. L. Plank, where he resided until his death, October 1, 1864, in his seventieth year. His wife was Mehitabel Metcalf, who died December 28, 1857, aged sixty-six years. She bore him six children, viz: Sylvester L., who married Permelia Stanton; Daniel L., who married Eliza White; Olive J., who married Samuel Robinson; Isaac, Charles H., who married Lurania Beebe, and Laura L., who married John George. Mr. Plank was a deacon in the First Baptist church of Brookfield for many years, and also took an active part in public affairs.

CHARLES H. PLANK, fourth son of Lovel Plank, Sr., was born in Paris, Oneida county, New York, January 19, 1820, and was eleven years old when his parents settled in Brookfield township, Tioga county. He assisted in clearing the old homestead, upon which he spent the remaining years of his life, dying November 17, 1891, in his seventy-second year. His wife was Lurania Beebe, a daughter of Harry and Martha (Foote) Beebe, of Harrison township, Potter county. She bore him two sons, Spencer B., deceased, and Welcome L. Mr. Plank was a member of the Baptist church, and an adherent of the Republican party.

SPENCER B. PLANK, eldest son of Charles H. and Lurania Plank, was born on the old homestead in Brookfield township, June 25, 1851; was educated in his native county and in Woodhull, New York, and made farming his life vocation. He married Martha Pierce, a daughter of Zenas and Hannah (VanWinkel) Pierce. Mr. Plank died in Westfield township, April 14, 1893. He was a member of the Masonic order, and in politics, a Republican.

WELCOME L. PLANK was born in Brookfield township, Tioga county, August 31, 1854, and is the only surviving child of Charles H. and Lurania Plank. He has lived upon the old homestead all his life, and has followed farming as a vocation. On December 31, 1872, he married Jane Ackley, a daughter of George and Susan (Yale) Ackley, of Clymer township, and is the father of the following children: Charles W., Arthur L., deceased; John S., Anna E., George H. and Ethel M. Mr. Plank is a member of the Baptist church, and a R. A. M. in the Masonic order. In politics, he is a Republican, and is recognized as a successful and enterprising citizen.

STEPHEN LANE, a son of Joseph and Susannah (Ives) Lane, was born in Danville, New York, February 29, 1812. His father died in 1814; and his mother, who was a daughter of Titus Ives, one of the first settlers of Brookfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, returned to that township after her husband's death. There our subject was reared to manhood, and soon after settled on the farm now owned by his son, William G., cleared and improved it, and died April 1, 1874. He married Jane George, a daughter of John and Olive (Gardner) George, of Brook-

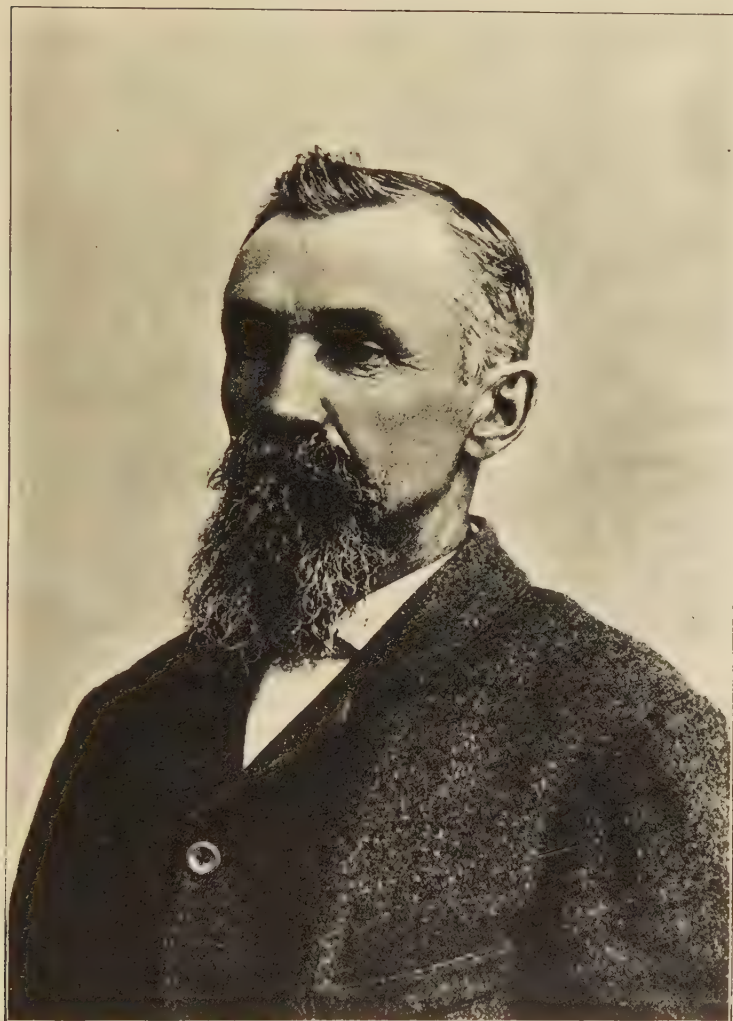
field township, who had two children by this union, viz: Juliette, wife of G. J. Davis, and William G. Mr. Lane was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and an adherent of the Republican party.

WILLIAM G. LANE was born on the Lane homestead in Brookfield township, Tioga county, June 20, 1850, and is the only son of Stephen Lane. He has always resided upon the home farm, and obtained a common school education in the district schools. On January 1, 1879, he married Ida Davis, a daughter of James and Jane (Finkner) Davis, of Westfield, and has two children, Bessie and Arthur. Politically, Mr. Lane is a Republican.

GEORGE W. HUNT was born in Connecticut, in 1771, a son of George and Mary (Herrington) Hunt. His father was a soldier in the French and Indian war, while he served in the War of 1812 for three months. He was married in Dutchess county, New York, to Mary Brown, a daughter of John Brown, a Revolutionary soldier. He removed to Delaware county, New York, and in 1844 settled in Brookfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He was a blacksmith and worked at his trade up to 1857. He died in 1859, at the age of eighty-eight years. To George W. and Mary Hunt were born eleven children, ten of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Charles, Elizabeth, who married Eri Baker; John, Richard, George, Jane, who married William Millard; Sally, who married William Coffin; Jackson, Robert and Adam.

RICHARD HUNT, third son of George W. Hunt, was born in Middletown, Delaware county, New York, April 6, 1812, and was there reared and educated. He worked on a farm, and also as a carpenter and joiner until 1844, when he removed to Brookfield township, Tioga county, and cleared a part of the farm settled by his grandfather, John Brown. He made all the improvements in buildings, but sold out in 1866 and purchased the farm where he now resides. In 1838 he married Phoebe Van Dusen, a daughter of Lawrence and Peggy (Turner) Van Dusen, of Delaware county, New York. He has reared seven children, as follows: Martha, who married Andrew J. Simmons; Sylvester, who died in 1862, while serving in the Union army; Marietta, wife of Seth Kelly; George, Roxanna, wife of S. P. Chase; Violetta J., wife of Edgar McLean, and Lester B. The last mentioned is a native of Brookfield township, was there reared and educated, and has made farming his life vocation. He married Rosetta Moore, a daughter of Samuel Moore, and has four children living, viz: Lettie, Rea, Ina and Richard E. He is a Republican, and has held several local offices of Brookfield township. Richard Hunt is proud of the fact that he has thirty-seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren living. In religious belief, he is a Universalist. He is an adherent of the Republican party, and filled the office of treasurer of Brookfield township for one term.

PETER KILBURN, a native of Montreal, Canada, came from Vermont to Farmington township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1854, whence he removed to Woodhull, New York, and in 1857 settled in Brookfield township, Tioga county. He cleared and improved a farm in this township, and died at Austinburg, in 1889, at the ripe age of eighty-four years. His wife was Sophia Burch, and their children were as follows: Sarah, wife of John B. Bush; Jonas G., Serena, wife of Jackson Bush; Solomon P., and Jane, wife of Joseph Bush.



J. B. Kilbourn

JONAS G. KILBURN, eldest son of Peter and Sophia Kilburn, was born in Orwell, Franklin county, Vermont, May 11, 1842, and came with his parents to Tioga county in 1854. Since attaining his majority he has devoted his attention to farming. On September 17, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and held the ranks of corporal and sergeant during his term of service. He took part in the battles of James Island, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville, Knoxville, Jackson, Vicksburg, the Wilderness, and many other engagements. He was wounded in the left knee at the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, and laid in the woods three days before being picked up. He re-enlisted in December, 1863, and was honorably discharged from the service, July 17, 1865, having served nearly four years. In 1871 he married Libbie Wakley, a daughter of John B. and Mary (Woodward) Wakley, of Deerfield township, and has four children, viz: Walter J., Lola, Madge and Rena M. For some years Mr. Kilburn was a breeder of Hambletonian horses, and among other valuable animals, he bred "Kilburn Jim," with a record of 2.23, which he sold for the sum of \$5,300. Mr. Kilburn is an ardent Republican, and is one of the representative and progressive farmers of his township.

STEPHEN P. CHASE was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, November 29, 1840, a son of Benjamin and Betsey T. (Payne) Chase, both of whom are dead. He came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1854, and on September 7, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-sixth New York Volunteers. He was enrolled as a private, and was promoted to corporal, sergeant, color-sergeant and color-bearer, successively. In March, 1862, he was taken sick with typhoid fever, and was confined in the regimental hospital near Good Hope, Virginia, for two months. On May 13, 1864, he was appointed color-bearer of the regiment, and at the battle of North Anna, by a conspicuous act of bravery, he rallied the regiment, which resulted in the capture of a line of rebel earthworks. Mr. Chase was honorably discharged at Brandy Station, Virginia, December 30, 1863, and re-enlisted the following day in his old company and regiment. He received a gun-shot wound in the left side of head, at Petersburg, June 18, 1864, and was in hospital at Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, for five months. He has now in possession the bullet extracted from his head, and prizes it as a precious relic. The wound soon broke out, and on October 30, 1864, he was sent to City Point Hospital, where he was under treatment for nine weeks. During his service he took part in the battles of Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wapping Heights, Mine Run, Wilderness, Po River, Spottsylvania, North Anna, South Anna, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, and the final assault on the lines in front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865. He was finally mustered out of the service near Washington, D. C., June 27, 1865. Mr. Chase had two brothers in the service, Vincent, from Rhode Island, and Charles W., who was a member of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers. A brother of Mrs. Chase served in Company H, Eighty-sixth New York Volunteers, and died in the service. On November 21, 1867, Mr. Chase was married at Jasper, New York, to Roxanna S. Hunt, a daughter of Richard and Phoebe (Van Dusen) Hunt, of Brookfield township. Mrs. Chase was born January 21, 1848, and is the mother of the following children: Ina A., Cora B., Charlie W., Phoebe A., Maud and Lucy M. Mr. Chase has been superintendent of

the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school at Brookfield most of the time since the war. He is a member of the R. P. Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., of Westfield. He is a Republican, and has held the offices of justice of the peace, constable and collector of Brookfield township. He has made farming his life vocation, and is one of the most respected citizens in the community.

WILLIAM AUSTIN was born in Carroll, Chautauqua county, New York, April 2, 1840, a son of James P. and Sally (Cook) Austin. In 1859 he located in Steuben county, New York, where he followed farming until 1861. In September of that year, he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-sixth New York Volunteers. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and other minor engagements. He held the ranks of corporal and sergeant successively, and was honorably discharged February 7, 1864, on a surgeon's certificate of disability. He was slightly wounded at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, but never reported it and continued in active duty. On his return to Steuben county, he continued farming until 1866, when he returned to Chautauqua county. In 1871 he located at what is now Austinburg, which is named in his honor, and there engaged in general merchandising until 1892. A postoffice was established at this point in 1877, mainly through his efforts, of which he was the first incumbent. He held the office until August, 1893, when he voluntarily resigned. In June, 1878, he married Emeline Seely, of Troupsburg, New York, who bore him three children, all of whom are dead. His second marriage occurred October 30, 1888, with Harriet Seely, of Knoxville. Mr. Austin is a member of the Masonic order, and also of the G. A. R. In politics, he is a Republican, and has served as clerk of Brookfield township two terms.

WILLIAM L. RYDER was born in Gloucester, England, January 8, 1857, and is a son of Charles Henry Ryder, a member of one of the old and well known families of that town. He was reared in his native land, and there received his education, with the exception of three winter terms after coming to the United States. At the age of fourteen he entered the British navy, where he spent five years. In 1875 he came to the United States, and located in Livingston county, New York, where he followed agricultural pursuits five years, and then removed to Brookfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he has since been engaged in farming. In 1891 he purchased what is known as the Grove farm, embracing ninety-six acres, prior to which year he had conducted the old Samuel Bacon farm. In 1879 Mr. Ryder married Mary Coleman, a daughter of Joseph and Eliza Coleman, natives of England, who came to the United States in 1856. Four children are the fruits of this union, viz: Mattie, Willie, Mabel and Maggie. Mr. Ryder is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a member of the K. O. T. M. Politically, a Republican, he is one of the respected citizens of Brookfield township.

GEORGE RIETTER was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, December 15, 1830, a son of Michael and Fredericka (Bach) Rietter. He was reared and educated in his native land, and in 1854 immigrated to the United States, and soon after located at Smethport, McKean county, Pennsylvania, where he worked by the month on a farm for two years. He then engaged in farming for himself in that county, which he continued for twenty-four years, four years at Smethport and twenty years at Rew City, clearing and improving a farm at the latter place. In 1881 he removed to Brookfield township, Tioga county, where he has since resided, and now owns a fine farm

of 400 acres. Mr. Rietter was married August 24, 1856, to Rosa Burtch, a daughter of Frederick and Barbara (Fleisch) Burtch, of McKean county. Five children have blessed this union, viz: Christina W., wife of Gotthold Burtch; John F., Ernest, Frank and Delano. Mrs. Rietter died August 24, 1885, aged fifty-seven years. In politics, Mr. Rietter, is a Democrat, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a prominent supporter of the Patrons of Husbandry, and is one of the most successful farmers in Brookfield township.

CHAPTER LXII.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

CHATHAM, CLYMER, GAINES, ELK AND SHIPPEN TOWNSHIPS.

SYLVESTER TREAT, SR., was born in Madison county, New York, April 14, 1802, a son of Peter and Hannah Treat, who were of English ancestry, and settled in Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1827, locating on the farm now owned by his son, Sylvester, which he cleared and improved from the wilderness. He resided there until his death, October 5, 1866. He first purchased 160 acres, to which he kept adding until he owned 300 acres of good land. He was one of the substantial citizens of Chatham, and was honored and respected by his neighbors. His wife, Lucinda, was a daughter of Abiatha and Alvira (Holt) Gates, of Madison county, New York, and bore him a family of seven children, viz: Mary, wife of Thomas Owlett; Lydia, wife of Dr. William B. Rich; Rufus G., Caroline, wife of L. D. Carl; Darinda L., wife of James H. Carl; Amelia, wife of Leonidas Avery, and Sylvester.

RUFUS G. TREAT, eldest son of Sylvester Treat, Sr., was born on his father's farm in Chatham township, Tioga county, July 31, 1832, there grew to manhood, and attended the common schools of his district. He owns and occupies a part of the old farm settled by his father, purchased before and since the latter's death, upon which he has lived since 1853. On August 14, 1853, he married Mary J. Snyder, a daughter of John and Adeline (Baker) Snyder, of Farmington township. They have reared a family of six children, viz: Caroline, wife of Thomas Ransom; Nellie, wife of George Ransom; Jesse, who married Lizzie Bosard; Mary, wife of E. W. Conklin; Ernest, and Ada, wife of Frank Palmer. In September, 1864, Mr. Treat enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was in the battle of Boydstown Plank Road, October 27, 1864, and for six weeks after was on picket duty at Fort Sedgwick, where he was transferred to the

Army of the James, under Gen. B. F. Butler, and later under Gen. O. C. Ord. He was mustered out of the service June 28, 1865, and received his final discharge July 8, 1865. Mr. Treat is one of Chatham's leading farmers, and has been postmaster of East Chatham since 1870. In politics, he is a Republican, and is a member of the G. A. R., and K. of H.

SYLVESTER TREAT, youngest son of Sylvester Treat, Sr., was born in Chatham township, Tioga county, upon the farm where he now resides, December 26, 1846. He was reared to manhood upon the old homestead, and became its owner at his father's death. This farm now embraces 150 acres of well-improved land. On September 28, 1868, Mr. Treat married Sarah Miller, a daughter of Samuel and Judy (Close) Miller, of Chatham township. They are the parents of eight children, viz: Lewis, Alice, wife of Judd Butler; Burt, Agnes L., Fannie, Claude S., Samuel and Clara. In politics, Mr. Treat is a Republican, and has held the office of school director for six years. He is a member of the K. of H., and one of the progressive farmers of the community.

MATTHEW BOOM was born in Delaware county, New York, in 1798, and was a son of Forgarty Boom. About 1836 he settled in Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, taking up 200 acres of land, and built a log cabin in the midst of the forest. Here he cleared and improved a farm, upon which he resided until his death. His wife, Caroline Pangburn, a native of Montgomery county, New York, was the mother of eight children, named as follows: John F., William, Mary A., who married James P. King; Sylvester, Phoebe E., wife of Paul Hunter; Darius, Melissa, wife of William Coburn, and Ben. Mr. Boom did service as a guide in the War of 1812. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a very worthy citizen.

BEN BOOM, youngest child of Matthew Boom, was born on the old homestead in Chatham township, Tioga county, April 4, 1842, there grew to manhood, and has always followed farming as an occupation. In 1861 he married Nancy Mattison, a daughter of Gardner and Betsey (Winegardner) Mattison, of Knoxville, Tioga county, and has two children: Carrie E., wife of Myron Reynolds, and Jessie. In politics, Mr. Boom is a Republican, and is a member of the K. of H. He is one of Chatham's progressive farmers, and owns and occupies the old homestead settled by his father about sixty years ago.

JEREMIAH GARNER was born in Chenango county, New York, October 3, 1804, and was a son of Gideon and Patty Garner. In 1841 he came from Locke, Cayuga county, New York, to Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled on the farm now owned by his son, Delos, upon which he resided until his death, August 30, 1879, in his seventy-fifth year. He cleared and improved this farm through the passing years, and succeeded in making it valuable property. Mr. Garner was a hard-working, honest and industrious farmer, and was highly esteemed by his neighbors. He was married to Maria Reynolds, October 2, 1825, to which union were born eight children, viz: Lucy A., wife of Charles Mosher; William J., Daniel W., Betsey J., wife of R. J. Mosher; Martha M., wife of John F. Ackley; Delos, Sarah L., wife of Amason Sensabaugh, and Lucius R. Mrs. Garner died March 5, 1875, in the seventieth year of her age.

DELOS GARNER was born in Cayuga county, New York, July 10, 1838, and came

to Chatham township with his parents, Jeremiah and Maria Garner, in 1841, since which time he has lived upon his present farm. He attended the district schools in boyhood, and his entire attention has been devoted to farming. Mr. Garner was married April 29, 1871, to Josephine Griffin, a daughter of Philo and Jane (Leach) Griffin, of Middlebury township. They have an adopted daughter, Millie E. In politics, Mr. Garner is a Republican, and is recognized as one of Chatham's leading citizens.

LUCIUS R. GARNER, youngest child of Jeremiah Garner, was born on the old homestead in Chatham township, Tioga county, June 12, 1844. He was reared in his native township, attended the common schools in boyhood, and has always followed farming as an occupation. Since 1880 he has resided on the old Sprague farm in Westfield township. On April 29, 1871, Mr. Garner married Mary Sprague, a daughter of Thomas and Keziah Sprague, of Westfield township, and has one son, Jerrold Paige. Mr. Garner is a Republican, has filled several local offices in the township, and is one of its respected citizens.

SOLOMON COOPER was born in Tompkins county, New York, April 5, 1827, a son of Jason and Maria (Champlain) Cooper. He came with his parents to Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1844, where his father took up a tract of land, upon which he resided until his death. Jason Cooper was a soldier in the War of 1812, and reared the following children: Solomon, Erastus, Hannah, who married Warren Boom; Winchester E., Betsey, who married Henry Madison; Burdick, Robert, and Esther, who married William R. Freeman. On attaining his majority, Solomon Cooper engaged in farming, on the farm now occupied by W. E. Cooper, cleared and improved a part of it, and there died, January 11, 1856, in his twenty-ninth year. His wife, Urania J., was a daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Stringer) Mack, of Cayuga county, New York. She became the mother of four children, three of whom survive: Eliza, wife of Norman Tremain; Jason and Joseph. Mr. Cooper was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, a Whig.

JOSEPH COOPER, youngest son of Solomon and Urania J. Cooper, was born in Chatham township, Tioga county, March 22, 1853. He left home when twelve years of age, and for five years worked at anything he could find to do. At the age of seventeen he engaged in farming, and so successful have been his efforts through the passing years, that he owns to-day 700 acres of land in Tioga county, principally in Chatham township. For upwards of twenty years Mr. Cooper has been engaged in buying and shipping stock to the New York markets, and also has been more or less interested in general merchandising. He has devoted his attention to various other business interests, and has been generally successful in all his undertakings. Mr. Cooper was married July 9, 1870, to Helen Mosher, a daughter of Charles and Lucy A. (Garner) Mosher, of Clymer township, and has three children: Lelia, wife of Luther Davis; Delos, who married Ada McNinch, and Fred A. In politics, he is a Republican, and has served as supervisor of Chatham township for ten years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. of H., and takes an active interest in social affairs. Mr. Cooper is pre-eminently a self-made man. Without any school advantages, he made his way in the world from the age of twelve

years, and is to-day one of the leading business men of his native county, as well as one of its largest land-owners

GEORGE FERRIS was born in Locke, Cayuga county, New York, in 1822, and was a grandson of Joseph Ferris, a native of New England. He came to Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1851, where he cleared and improved a farm, now owned by Lucy Ann Goodwin, and a grandson, Loren Clark. In later life he purchased another farm near Shortsville, Chatham township, where he died in 1877, in his fifty-sixth year. He married Huldah A. Harris, a daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Boga) Harris, of Massachusetts, who bore him three children: Joseph H., Lucy Ann, wife of William Goodwin, and George A. Mr. Ferris was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and an adherent of the Republican party.

JOSEPH H. FERRIS, eldest son of George Ferris, was born in Locke, Cayuga county, New York, December 13, 1844, and was in his seventh year when his parents located in Chatham township, Tioga county. He obtained his education in the common schools and at the State Normal School, Mansfield. At eighteen years of age he began his career as a teacher, and followed that profession during the winter seasons for fifteen years. He was principal of Westfield High School in 1877, and taught his last term at Little Marsh in 1880. Mr. Ferris has also followed the carpenter's trade to some extent, as well as farming, and was in the mercantile business at Little Marsh for a year and a half, and for several years was engaged in huckstering on a large scale. On December 28, 1876, he married Emma J. Cady, a daughter of Jerry P. Cady, of Cayuga county, New York. They are the parents of four children, viz: Earl J., Frank A., Sadie Z. and Nellie. Mr. Ferris is a stanch Republican, and was elected sheriff of Tioga county in 1885, and served three years. He has also held nearly all the different local offices in Chatham township, and is a member of the I. O. O. F.

ALVIN H. RICE, a native of Delaware county, New York, born December 2, 1810, settled in Chatham township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1847, on a tract of forest land, where he cleared and improved a farm, built a saw-mill and blacksmith shop, and carried on one of the first stores at Little Marsh. His wife was Sally Faulkner, and their children were as follows: Luther, Orrin, George W., Erastus, Austin D., Chancey J., Amelia A., William A., James M., Reuben H., Sally A. and Charles A. Mr. Rice died March 22, 1869, and his wife, January 27, 1880.

AUSTIN D. RICE was born in Delaware county, New York, June 1, 1839, a son of Alvin H. Rice, and came to Chatham township, Tioga county, with his parents when he was about eight years old. He attended the district schools in boyhood, and learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed about seven years. On September 17, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served with his regiment in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam. He lost his left leg in the latter engagement, September 17, 1862, and received an honorable discharge in March, 1863. On his return home he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed eight years, but later engaged in general merchandising for five years, since which time he has followed agricultural pursuits more or less. Mr. Rice was married July 11, 1868, to Martha A. English, a daughter of George and Ellen (McEwen) English, of Delmar township. Her father was a native of Ireland, and her mother of Delmar township, Tioga county. Her maternal grandfather,

John McEwen, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and a pioneer of Delmar township. His wife was a Miss Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have two children living: Ellen wife of Ural King, and Hazel. Mrs. Rice is a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Little Marsh. Mr. Rice is a member of the G. A. R., the U. V. L., the K. O. T. M., and the K. of H. In politics, he is an ardent Democrat, and served four years as postmaster of Little Marsh under President Cleveland's first administration. He was appointed to the same office in 1894, which he now occupies, and has held various local offices in Chatham township, including that of justice of the peace for twenty-four years.

NORMAN A. ASHTON was born in Cayuga county, New York, November 10, 1827, a son of Matthew and Esther (Lewis) Ashton. He was reared in that State, there married Hannah C. Nichols, a daughter of Henry and Electa (Ridsen) Nichols, of Livingston county, and in 1864 came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and engaged in farming in Chatham township. Here he continued in agricultural pursuits up to his death, May 17, 1890. Five children were born to him, four of whom grew to maturity, viz: Frances, wife of J. M. Swimelar; Catharina, wife of Grant Gleason; Nathan W. and Henry A. Mr. Ashton was a Democrat, and filled various local offices in his township.

BENJAMIN J. FULKERSON, physician and surgeon, was born in Gulich township, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1855, a son of Daniel and Eleanor (Stephens) Fulkerson, and is of Welch and German extraction. He was educated at Reed Institute, Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and in 1873 began the study of medicine with Dr. W. H. Edwards, of Smith's Mills, Clearfield county. In 1874-75, he attended a course of lectures at Bellevue Medical College, New York, and in 1879-80, and in 1880-81, he attended lectures at the University of New York City, where he was graduated in March, 1881. In August of that year, he located at Little Marsh, in Chatham township, Tioga county, where he built up quite an extensive practice, and became widely known as a good physician. In 1895 he removed to Tyrone, Pennsylvania, where he now resides and pursues his profession. Dr. Fulkerson was married September 1, 1881, to Ida J. Alleman, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Shoemaker) Alleman, of Alleman's, Clearfield county. They are the parents of three children, viz: Katie, Eleanor and Daniel. In politics, he is a staunch Republican, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of H., and the K. O. T. M. societies.

CLYMER TOWNSHIP.

LUKE SCOTT was born in Vermont, May 11, 1765, and settled at Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1804, where he engaged in lumbering. He subsequently lived on Troup's creek, in Deerfield township, and resided with his son Rufus, in Clymer township, at the time of his death, September 19, 1828. His wife was Chloe Darling, and their children were as follows: Joanna, who married Julius Seely; Stephen, Luke, Caroline, who married Archibald Knox; Orril, who married John Goodspeed, Sr.; James, Rufus, Charles, and Harriet, who married Orson Pemberton.

RUFUS SCOTT, son of Luke Scott, was born in New Hampshire, July 24, 1802, and was about two years old when his parents settled at Knoxville, Tioga county. In 1823 he located in Clymer township, where he cleared and improved the farm

now owned and occupied by his son, Eli D., and resided there until his death, June 4, 1884, aged eighty-two years. His wife, Caroline, was a daughter of Robert and Hannah (Mattison) Dickens, of Clymer township. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, viz: Lafayette, Luke, James, Joel, Eli D., Chloe, who married Stephen Dickens; Lemuel and Winfield.

WINFIELD SCOTT, youngest son of Rufus Scott, and grandson of Luke Scott, the pioneer, was born on the old Scott homestead in Clymer township, May 18, 1847. He was educated at Union and Ulysses Academies, and has always followed farming as an occupation. With the exception of a two years' residence in Hector township, Potter county, he has spent his entire life in Clymer township. In 1873 he married Rosina Scott, a daughter of Levi and Polly (Seamans) Scott, of Westfield, and has one daughter, Julia L. Mr. Scott is a leading farmer of Clymer, and an active supporter of every worthy enterprise. In politics, he is a Republican, and in religion, an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the K. O. T. M., and the P. of H., and takes a deep interest in both societies.

SILAS S. GRIFFIN was born in Georgetown, Madison county, New York, June 30, 1811, a son of William and Polly (Sweet) Griffin, and was of English descent. His grandfather, Conrad Griffin, immigrated from England to Long Island. Our subject was reared in his native county, and in 1833 settled in Clymer township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he cleared and improved a farm, now occupied by his widow, the wife of Charles F. Bruce, upon which he spent the remaining years of his life. He was twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Bethlehem Thompson, a pioneer of Deerfield and Clymer townships. Two children were the fruits of this union: Mary E., who married Hannibal Ladd, and Lucius. On May 7, 1845, he married Susannah M. Thomas, a daughter of Abial P. and Lydia L. (Pickett) Thomas, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively, and early settlers of Troupsburg, New York. Eight children were born to this marriage, viz: Silas Alvin, William Albert, Lucetta S., wife of Rinaldo Taylor; Maretta L., wife of William Paull; Maletta Lavina, wife of John Southworth; Annis Adora, wife of Eugene Schoonover; Lemuel A., and Sarah J., wife of James Kernan. Mr. Griffin was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, and in politics, a supporter of the Republican party.

SILAS ALVIN GRIFFIN, eldest son of Silas S. and Susannah M. (Thomas) Griffin, was born in Clymer township, Tioga county, January 4, 1846. He was educated in the common schools and Union Academy. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in all of the battles in which his regiment was engaged until the close of the war. He was wounded in the right leg in the last fight in front of Petersburg, and was honorably discharged from the service May 31, 1865. After his return home, he remained on the homestead until 1868, when he removed to a farm of his own. He has cleared four farms in Clymer township, has resided on his present farm since 1879, and is one of the largest land-owners in this section of the county. On August 11, 1867, he married Sarah E. Hurd, a daughter of Russell and Louisa (Higgins) Hurd, of Gaines township, who bore him seven children, five of whom grew to maturity, viz: Benjamin A., who married Olive Hoagland; Eva M., who married Frank Kernan, and died leaving one son, George Alvin, now being

reared by our subject; Maretta A., wife of Clayton Scott; Clark S., and Walter D. Mr. Griffin is one of the prominent and progressive farmers of Tioga county, and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. In politics, a Republican, he has held the office of school director several terms, and is a leading member of the G. A. R.

ISAAC BEACH, a native of Dutchess county, New York, came from Tompkins county, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in April, 1836, settling in Clymer township, then a part of Westfield. He cleared and improved a farm, now occupied by his son Burdett, where he also kept a store and entertained the traveling public. He was quite a prominent citizen of his time, and both he and wife died upon the old homestead. Her maiden name was Jane Miller, a native of Tompkins county, New York, and she became the mother of seven children who grew to maturity, viz: Jefferson B., Emily, who married Joshua Rushmore; Clark W., Burdett, Annette, wife of Israel Smith; Almira, who married John Sunderlain, and Miranville K. Mrs. Beach was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but her husband was connected with no religious denomination.

JEFFERSON B. BEACH, eldest son of Isaac and Jane Beach, was born in Dryden, Tompkins county, New York, August 25, 1825, and came with his parents to what is now Clymer township, Tioga county, in 1836. He attended the district schools in boyhood, and farming has been his life vocation. He cleared 250 acres of land in Clymer township himself, and is the owner of four fine farms in that township, embracing nearly 400 acres of land. In 1885 he retired from active business life, and has since been a resident of Westfield. Mr. Beach was married October 29, 1848, to Catherine Douglas, a daughter of William and Sally (Redner) Douglas, of Hector township, Potter county. Eight children were born to this union, viz: Wallace D., Augustus C., Ezra G., Charles L., Ida A., wife of Leon Kilbourn; John W., who died aged eleven months; Jenny S., wife of Guy Waterman; Nettie, wife of Frank Bristol, and Elwood S. Mr. Beach and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as steward forty-three years, and is now filling the office of trustee. He has been a Republican since the organization of that party, and is one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of the county.

EZRA G. BEACH was born in Clymer township, Tioga county, June 21, 1855, a son of Jefferson B. and Catherine (Douglas) Beach. He was educated in the common schools of his township, and on attaining his majority went into the lumber woods jobbing for tanneries, principally for H. H. Crary & Company, of Westfield. He has also been largely connected with lumber operations, and has given employment to a large number of woodsmen. He has followed this business successfully for about twenty-four years, until the forests in his vicinity have been stripped of their best timber. On July 6, 1888, Mr. Beach married Louisa Putman, a daughter of William and Harriet (Campbell) Putman, of Sunderlinville, Potter county, who has borne him two children, viz: Mabel, who died February 26, 1891, and Grace May, who died April 24, 1893. In 1894 Mr. Beach located on the old William Furman farm, on Pine creek, which has since been his home. He is a member of Middlebury Lodge, No. 844, I. O. O. F., of Keeneyville; also of Gaines Encampment, No. 314, of Gaines. In politics, he is a Republican.

ORRIN STEBBINS, SR., a native of Connecticut, came from Madison county,

New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1837, and located on the site of Sabinsville, Clymer township, which was at that time covered with forest. Prior to his settlement in this county he had married Nancy Hancock, who bore him three children, viz: Nancy Lorena, born July 3, 1827, and died September 8, following; Elijah H., born August 6, 1829, who died December 18, 1880, and Orrin, born December 11, 1832, who died October 12, 1880. Mr. Stebbins cleared and improved a farm in Clymer township, upon which he spent the remaining years of his life, dying December 5, 1874. His wife survived until July 7, 1884.

ELIJAH H. STEBBINS was born in Lebanon, Madison county, New York, August 6, 1829, and came with his parents to Clymer township, Tioga county, when about eight years of age. He attended the district schools of his neighborhood, and followed farming and lumbering after attaining manhood, up to 1872, when his father's property was divided and he received as his share a general store and a part of the homestead farm. In 1875 he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, George Roberts, and built a steam grist and saw-mill, which was burned in 1877. In the autumn of that year he rebuilt the saw-mill, which he continued to operate until his death, December 18, 1880. Mr. Stebbins married Lydia A. Roberts, a daughter of D. D. and Mary A. Roberts, of Clymer township, and reared three children, viz: Milford H., of Wellsboro; George A., of Sabinsville, and Cora I., who resides with her mother on the old homestead. He was a charter member of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M.

ALONZO GILES SABINS was born in Lebanon, Madison county, New York, August 28, 1812, and settled in Clymer township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1838, on the farm now occupied by his widow and son, Luman E. At the time of his settlement Clymer township was an almost unbroken wilderness, with an occasional clearing here and there, and he resided upon his land until his death, which occurred October 30, 1886. He taught school the first winter after his arrival, and was one of the first teachers in his locality. Mr. Sabins was married September 15, 1838, in Lebanon, New York, to Phoebe F. Fisk, a daughter of John and Millie (Stevens) Fisk. On the maternal side Mrs. Sabins is a grand-daughter of Gaylord Stevens, of Lebanon, New York. On the day succeeding their marriage, the young couple took their wedding trip to their new home in the forest of Clymer township, and settled down to house-keeping. They became the parents of two children, John M., deceased, and Luman E. Mr. Sabins was an attendant of the Universalist church. In politics, he was a Democrat, and filled the office of township auditor for a period. He was a thrifty and progressive man, and the village of Sabinsville was named in his honor.

LUMAN E. SABINS, only surviving child of Alonzo G. Sabins, was born on the homestead in Clymer township, Tioga county, August 15, 1845, and has spent his entire life upon the home farm. On October 1, 1882, he married Flora Hewitt, a daughter of George and Martha (Jewett) Hewitt, of Waterville, Oneida county, New York, and has two children, John L. and Bessie A. Politically, Mr. Sabins is a Democrat, has been tax collector, and is now serving his second term as constable of Clymer township. He is a member of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M., and also of the K. O. T. M. and the Grange.

RILEY BURDIC came with his parents, Jesse Burdic and wife, to Clymer town-

ship, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1837, where his father died at the age of seventy-eight years, and his mother aged eighty years. They reared a large family, and one of their sons served in the War of 1812. Riley was married on Addison Hill, Tuscarora township, Steuben county, New York, June 4, 1830, to Miss Schoonover, a daughter of Jonas and Elsie (Strait) Schoonover. She became the mother of six children, viz: Hiram, George, Sally Mariah, who married Wesley Newton; William R., Emma, wife of John Jenkins, and Peleg. Mr. Burdic owned a farm of 140 acres of land, upon which he resided until his death. In politics, he was a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Free Will Baptist church. His widow resides with her son, William R., in Clymer township, at the ripe age of eighty-four years.

WILLIAM R. BURDIC was born on the old homestead in Clymer township, Tioga county, January 5, 1842, and was reared beneath the parental roof. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, participating in the Siege of Petersburg and the charge on Fort Steadman. After the war he returned to the home farm, where he has since resided. In politics, Mr. Burdic is a Republican, and is a member of the Grange and the G. A. R.

FREEMAN WILCOX, a native of New York state, and a son of Hazzard Wilcox, was born in 1810, and grew to manhood in his native State. About 1840 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and soon after purchased 100 acres of land, which he cleared and improved, and upon which he resided until his death, in 1884, aged seventy-four years. On March 19, 1843, he married Sophronia Hancock, a daughter of Lyman and Rhoda (Ide) Hancock, pioneers of Clymer township. She bore him three children, two of whom survive, Frank L. and William W. Mr. Wilcox was a quiet, unobtrusive man, and was respected by his neighbors.

WILLIAM W. WILCOX, youngest son of Freeman and Sophronia Wilcox, was born on the old Wilcox homestead in Clymer township, Tioga county, January 11, 1849, and has always lived upon the same farm, which he now owns. He received a common school education, and has made agriculture his life vocation. On April 9, 1871, he married Mary Sutton, a daughter of Isaac and Huldah (Seely) Sutton, of Deerfield township. They have three children living, viz: Joseph D., Roba and Arlington. Mr. Wilcox is a Republican, and has been supervisor of Clymer township three years.

THOMAS ELDRIDGE, a native of Vermont, and a son of John Eldridge, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1847. He settled in Clymer township, and with the assistance of his son, John, cleared and improved the farm now owned by the latter, where he died in 1867. His wife was Elizabeth Graham, of Washington county, New York. She bore him a family of eight children, viz: Joshua, Martha, who married Abner Harding; Thomas, Horace, James, John, Edwin and Hiram. Of these, Martha, John and Edwin are living. Mr. Eldridge was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his father was a veteran of the Revolution.

JOHN ELDRIDGE was born in Hartford, Washington county, New York, March 22, 1830, and came with his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Eldridge, to Saratoga and Tompkins counties, New York, where he was reared and educated. The family settled in Clymer township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1847, where John

remained one winter. For the nine succeeding years he lived at Groton, New York, where he was employed in buying material for a firkin factory. In 1857 he returned to Tioga county, and lived two years on his father's homestead, and in 1860 embarked in the hotel business at Sandy Hill, New York. In 1861 he sold out and enlisted in a New York regiment, and served three months, when he was honorably discharged. He then returned to Clymer township, Tioga county, where he has since resided, with the exception of three years that he spent in the hotel business at Addison, New York. In 1865, Mr. Eldridge married Almira Morse, a daughter of Solomon Morse, of Moravia, New York, and has one daughter, Ella E., wife of Charles Brewster. Politically, Mr. Eldridge is independent, voting for the best man, regardless of party creed.

ROSWELL ACKLEY was born in Groton, New York, March 14, 1805, and was a descendant of one of four brothers who came to America with Lafayette during the Revolution. In 1848 he settled in Clymer township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on the farm now occupied by his son, Chancy C., which he cleared and improved with the assistance of his sons, while at the same time he worked at the carpenter's trade. His wife, Almira, was a daughter of Beriah Southworth, and bore him eight children, viz: George M., Sally A., wife of Aaron Yale; John, Beriah S., Lovinus B., Henry C., Chancy C., and Mary A., wife of Alvin Sweazey. All of Mr. Ackley's sons, except John, were soldiers in the Union army during the Rebellion. He and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, he was a Republican from the organization of the party, but he cast his first presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, under whose administration he was postmaster of Groton City, New York, though later he became a Whig. He filled several minor offices in Clymer township, among them justice of the peace. Mr. Ackley died May 31, 1883.

CHANCY C. ACKLEY, son of Roswell Ackley, was born in Groton City, New York, September 6, 1840, and was eight years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He was educated in the common schools and Union Academy and commenced life as a teacher, which vocation he followed for three years. He then engaged in farming, buying and selling stock, and various other occupations at different periods. On August 24, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, entering the service as a sergeant. In December, 1862, he was honorably discharged. In the fall of 1863, he assisted in raising an independent battery of 180 men, which, however, was afterward disbanded, by order of Adjutant-General Russell. In August, 1864, he recruited forty men for Company D, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was commissioned second lieutenant of said company September 2, 1864. He was mustered out of the service May 31, 1865. During his first term he participated in all the battles of the Peninsular Campaign, as a member of the Eleventh Cavalry, and thence to Norfolk, Virginia, and through to North Carolina. During his second term of service, he was in command of the picket-line along the James river, and received the thanks of his general for giving warning of an expected attack by the rebels in front of Owlett House battery. He was also in the battles of Stony Creek, Hatcher's Run, and Fort Steadman. In the last battle he charged ahead of his company, and took five prisoners himself. He was severely wounded in the head, back and right arm.

at Petersburg, from the effects of which wounds he still suffers. Mr. Ackley was married January 3, 1895, to Mary A. Higgins, a daughter of Thomas Higgins, of Clymer township. He is a member of H. C. Ackley Post, No. 469, G. A. R., of Sabinsville, and in politics, an ardent Republican.

CAPT. REUBEN FISH was born July 11, 1780, and was a son of Capt. Ebenezer Fish, a Revolutionary soldier. He spent nearly all his life in Cortland county, New York, and was captain of a company during the War of 1812. His wife, Betsey, was a daughter of Benjamin Cleveland, and was of the same ancestry as President Cleveland. Their children were as follows: Parmelia, who married Jared Davis; Ephraim C., and Ephraim (2d); Ebenezer D., Stephen P., Sally, who married Holland Wood; Mary, who married Hendrick Nash; Perlina, who married John Luce; Betsey, who married William Rexford; Lydia, John P., Jane, who married Enos Campbell, and Reuben. Many of the descendants of Capt. Reuben Fish are now residents of Tioga county.

JARED DAVIS was born in Rhode Island, September 25, 1795, a son of Daniel and Deborah (Talbot) Davis. He was reared in the town of Butternuts, Otsego county, New York, and spent his early manhood in Cortland county, New York, where he married Parmelia Fish, a daughter of Capt. Reuben and Betsey (Cleveland) Fish. In 1840 he removed to Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he spent one year, and then returned to Cortland county. In 1846 he located in Gaines township, Tioga county, and engaged in lumbering until 1858, when he removed to Clymer township, where he cleared the land now the site of Davis Station, on the Addison and Pennsylvania railroad, which was named in his honor. He resided there until his death, November 22, 1882. His children were as follows: Wilson, Julia, wife of V. R. Gee; Reuben F., Fanny, wife of Rufus Rice; Jared, John, Betsey, wife of Benjamin Eldridge, and Silas B. Mr. Davis was a veteran of the War of 1812, and in politics, a stanch Democrat.

REUBEN F. DAVIS was born in Cincinattus, Cortland county, New York, February 3, 1824, and is a son of Jared and Parmelia Davis. He was reared in his native county, and obtained a common school education. In 1848 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located in Gaines township, where he followed lumbering for ten years. He then exchanged his business for a farm, located in Clymer and Hector townships, in Tioga and Potter counties, respectively, which he cleared and improved. He resided upon it until 1884, then removed to Sabinsville, where he lived until the spring of 1895, when he returned to the old homestead. On March 25, 1846, Mr. Davis married Betsey Hickox, a daughter of Luther and Eunice (White) Hickox, of Cortland county, New York. They are the parents of three children, viz: Helen, wife of C. S. Rushmore; Charles M., and Ida, wife of Myron Barber. Mr. Davis is a stanch Democrat, in politics, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES M. DAVIS was born in Gaines township, Tioga county, December 31, 1851, and is the only son of Reuben F. Davis. He was reared upon the homestead farm, and was educated in the Westfield High School and Union Academy. Since attaining his majority, he taught school and followed agricultural pursuits up to 1891, in Hector township, Potter county. In the latter year he removed to Sabinsville, Tioga county, where he has since been engaged in merchandising, and has

filled the office of postmaster since May, 1894. Mr. Davis was married September 26, 1875, to Francelia, a daughter of Benjamin and Lavina (Miller) Eldridge, of Clymer township, and has three children: Bert E., Bessie L., and Mary H. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the E. A. U., and K. of H., and politically, an ardent Democrat.

JOHN DAVIS, son of Jared Davis, was born in Cortland county, New York, September 24, 1831. He came with his parents to Gaines township, Tioga county, in 1846, and for a time was in business at Pike Mills, Potter county, where he was appointed postmaster when but twenty years of age. In 1856 he located in Clymer township, Tioga county, where he has since been engaged in farming and lumbering. Since 1882 he has also carried on the mercantile business. He was instrumental in establishing the postoffice of Lansing, located at Davis Station, on the Addison and Pennsylvania railroad. He was postmaster at Pike Mills from 1851 to 1856, and has filled the same office at Lansing from 1856 up to the present. He has been postmaster ever since he was twenty years old. Mr. Davis was married April 15, 1859, to Parmelia Larrison, a daughter of William and Sarah (Stryker) Larrison, of Clymer township, and has one daughter, Sarah L., wife of William A. Ritter. Politically, he is a Democrat, has held the office of assessor of Clymer township for many years, and is now serving his first term as justice of the peace. He is a charter member of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M.

CHARLES N. BUTTS was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1851, a son of Michael and Eliza (McCaslin) Butts, and is of English, French and Irish ancestry. He was reared in his native city, and obtained a limited education in the public schools. In boyhood, he drove mules on the canal, and was inured to habits of rigid industry. In the fall of 1864, he enlisted in Company C, Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Five Forks, Petersburg, and Farmersville, and was present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. He was honorably discharged from the service in July, 1865, and then returned to his home in Williamsport. He commenced learning the mason's trade, which he worked at up to fifteen years ago, and then embarked in business for himself as a contractor, for the erection of bridge abutments and all kinds of stone and brick work, excavating, etc. He has an enviable record for first-class work in his line, and has carried on quite a successful business. He has lived at Sabinsville, Tioga county, since 1872. On July 3, of that year, he married Adelia Newton, a daughter of Wesley and Sarah M. (Burdie) Newton, of Sabinsville. They have five children living, viz: Marcena, Hattie, wife of Wallace Burrell, Charles L., Michael and Rena. In politics, Mr. Butts is a Republican, and is connected with the G. A. R., the K. of H., the K. O. T. M., and the I. O. O. F. societies.

THOMAS A. BAIR, physician and surgeon, was born in Mt. Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1848, a son of Jonathan and Harriet (Brinker) Bair, and is of Holland Dutch and German extraction. His parents were natives of Westmoreland county. His paternal grandfather, Adam Bair, was a Revolutionary soldier, and settled in Westmoreland county in 1783, receiving the deed for his land from John Penn, the elder, and John Penn, the younger. His wife was Catherine Reichard. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Henry Brinker, was also a pioneer of Westmoreland county. Thomas A. was educated in the com-

mon schools and at Sewickley Academy. In 1875 he commenced the study of medicine, and graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in March, 1879. He practiced at Holton, Jackson county, Kansas, for a year and a half, and in December, 1880, located at Sabinsville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he has since been engaged in the active duties of his profession. Dr. Bair has been twice married. His first wife was Sarah J. Steele, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. His present wife was Ellen Rexford, a daughter of William and Betsey (Fish) Rexford, of Clymer township, Tioga county. She is the mother of one son, R. Rexford. In politics, Dr. Bair is a Democrat, and is a member of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M.; also of the K. O. T. M. and the Empire State Degree of Honor. He is medical examiner for the K. O. T. M. and the L. O. T. M.; also for the New York Mutual Life, New York Life, Aetna, Penn Mutual, New England Mutual and other insurance companies.

FRANK L. SEARS was born in Groton, New York, August 4, 1840, a son of Frank and Caroline (Rowland) Sears. He was reared in his native county, and educated in the public schools, and since sixteen years of age he has been dependent upon his own energies and resources. In 1861 he came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, where for two years he was employed in a foundry. He then purchased a half interest in the same, and for four years carried on the business, as a member of the firm of Sears & Brother. Returning to Groton, New York, he purchased a farm, lived there five years, and later spent one year in Wellsboro, Tioga county. In 1880 he located at Sabinsville, Tioga county, where he has since been successfully engaged in general merchandising. Mr. Sears was married September 15, 1869, to Josephine, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Doumaux) Riberolle, both natives of France. Her father settled in Wellsboro, Tioga county, in 1848, and died there in August, 1892. He carried on a tannery in Wellsboro for thirty years, and is one of its well-remembered citizens. Mr. Riberolle was married three times. His second wife was Mrs. Nancy Taylor, nee Brickley, and his third wife, Betsey Titus, who died in Wellsboro, November 9, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Sears are the parents of two children: Walter J. and Eddie R., both of whom are dead. They are members of the K. of H., and in politics, he is a Republican.

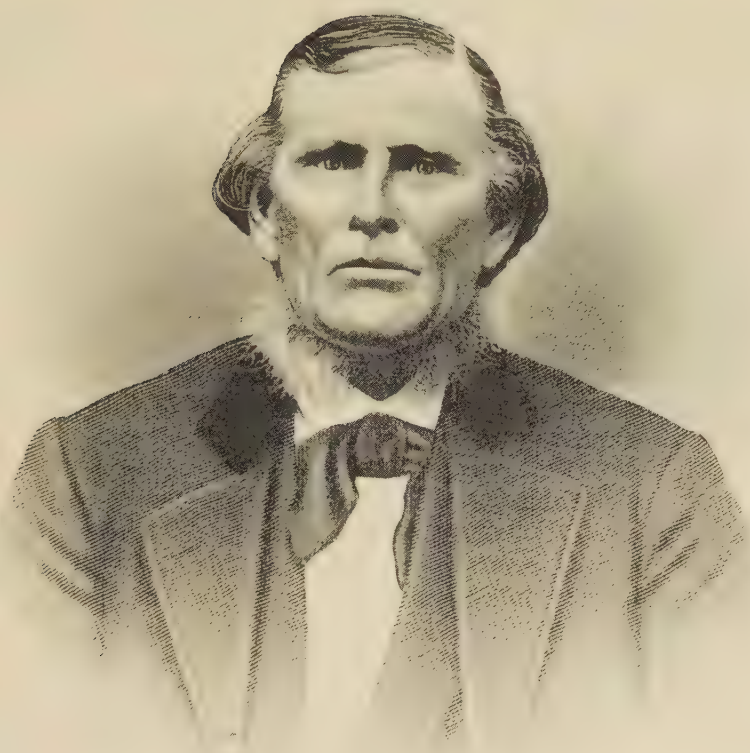
EDWIN B. SCHOTT was born in Waterloo, Seneca county, New York, April 9, 1838, a son of Frederick and Miranda (Bellis) Schott, and is of German and Scotch descent. He was reared in his native town, and educated in the Union schools. In 1858 he went to California, where he spent twelve years in mining and ranching. In 1870 he returned to Waterloo, New York, where he engaged in the grocery business. In 1876 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, remained in Elkland six months, and then removed to Westfield, where he was engaged in the manufacture of cigars and other pursuits until 1884. In that year he located at Sabinsville, purchasing the Samuel Goodell mill property, which he has since operated as a saw and feed-mill, and also carried on a cheese factory, with a capacity for using the product of 600 cows. Since coming into the possession of this property, Mr. Schott has practically rebuilt and remodeled the mill, and is doing a good business. He was married July 16, 1884, to Flora O. Gill, a daughter of Charles and Eliza (Winchester) Gill, of Westfield. They have four children, viz: Miranda, Frederick, Walter and

Ellen. Mr. Schott is a member of the F. & A. M., and the P. of H., and is a staunch adherent of the Democratic party.

ELIHU H. FAULKNER was born in Orange county, New York, January 15, 1814, and was a son of John Faulkner, his mother's maiden name being Horton. About 1845 he located on Pine creek, in Gaines township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in lumbering some twelve years. He then commenced farming in the same township, and cleared and improved the farm now the home of his widow, where he resided until his death, July 23, 1885. His wife, Anna A., was a daughter of John and Mary Elizabeth (Alberta) Benn, of Gaines township. Her father was the first settler of Gaines village, cleared the land whereon it stands, and resided in the township until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner were the parents of five children, viz: John W., Leonard S., Lemuel M., Amanda E., wife of Edgar Hurlbut, and Pasco N.

LEMUEL M. FAULKNER was born on the old homestead in Gaines township, Tioga county, August 18, 1861, and is a son of Elihu H. Faulkner. He was reared upon the farm, and attended the common schools of the district. On attaining manhood he engaged in farming in Clymer township, on a farm adjoining his father's place, which he still owns. In 1891 he removed to his present home, upon which he has since resided. Besides farming, Mr. Faulkner has been more or less engaged in the lumber business. He married Ida Briggs, a daughter of Robert W. and Eliza (Baker) Briggs, of Clymer township, December 25, 1884, and has two children: Lottie A. and Dulcie D. Mr. Faulkner is a staunch Republican, is connected with the P. of H., and is one of the progressive and enterprising farmers of his township.

ANDREW BRIMEGIN was born in County Clare, Ireland, November 20, 1844, a son of John and Ellen (Halland) Brimegin, natives of the same place. His parents had two children, Patrick and Andrew. The father died in Ireland, and the family immigrated to the United States in 1846 and settled in Steuben county, New York. Here the children grew to maturity and obtained a common school education. Patrick is now a jeweler in the city of New York. Andrew turned his attention to farming and lumbering. On July 22, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-first New York Volunteers, and served through the war. He participated in the battles of Port Hudson, Sabine Cross Roads, Pleasant Hill and the Siege of Fort Morgan, and later was on guard duty over the assassins of Lincoln. He was wounded in the battle of Fort Morgan by a bullet through the left wrist, and was captured at Sabin Pass and served in rebel prisons at the mouth of Red river from September 8, 1863, to July 22, 1864. After the war he returned home, where he devoted himself to farming. In 1866 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in lumbering and afterwards in agricultural pursuits. He now resides in Clymer township, where he has two farms, one of fifty and another of forty acres. Mr. Brimegin has been twice married. His first wife was Emma Swope, a native of Tioga county, and a daughter of Abiather Swope, of Shippen township, to which union were born two children: Frank E. and Nellie E. His second wife was Mrs. Eulalia Metcalf, a daughter of Joseph Lane, of Brookfield township. Two children are the fruits of this union: Lloyd E. and Nettie. In politics, Mr. Brimegin is a Republican, and has held nearly every office in Elk, Shippen and Gaines townships, among them that of supervisor for ten years. In 1894 he



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was elected a jury commissioner, in which office he is still serving. He is a member of R. C. Babcock Post, G. A. R., of Westfield, and takes a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the veterans of the war.

GAINES AND ELK TOWNSHIPS.

MARTIN W. FURMAN was born in Gaines township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1829, a son of William and Mary (Waldorff) Furman. His father came from Sunbury, Northumberland county, to Gaines township, Tioga county, about 1806, and settled on the south bank of Pine creek, a mile and a half east of the site of Gaines. He had been in this county several times prior to his final settlement; was a noted hunter and was employed with the surveyors of the Bingham estate. He was the father of ten children, and died in 1861. His widow survived him about two years. Martin W. was reared on the homestead farm, and was trained to habits of frugality and industry. In March, 1849, he married Eunice J. Dartt, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Dartt, of Delmar township. The following children were born to this union, all of whom arrived at maturity before they died: Evelina, who married Daniel Furman, of Delmar; Elizabeth, wife of Fred. Nobles, of the same township; Delphine, who married John Ackley, of Sabinsville; George Hurlburt, who married Julia Weeks; Manning, who married Hattie Dunbar, of Brookland, Potter county; Cyrus, of Cross Forks, Potter county; Julius, of Gaines township; Daniel, who lives in Corry, Erie county; Aurilla, wife of Charles McCoy, of Corry; Annie N., wife of W. Nathan Ladd, of Gaines township; John Norton, of Brookland, Potter county, and Julia, wife of John Behrman, of Gaines township. About 1849 Mr. Furman bought a farm in Delmar, on which he lived up to 1861. He then sold it and returned to the old homestead to care for his parents in their declining years. After their death he took charge of the farm and cultivated it up to 1893, when he sold it and purchased his present homestead. Though farming has been his principal occupation, he has devoted considerable attention to lumber jobbing, in which he has been fairly successful. Mrs. Furman died in 1877, and about three years after her death, he married for his second wife, Viancy Hackett, of Sabinsville. She became the mother of two children who died in infancy. She died and June 30, 1891, he married Sarah J. Strait, a daughter of Stephen and Mabel (Omes) Strait, of Clymer township, Tioga county. In politics, he is a Republican, and is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of his native township.

JOSHUA BERNAUER was born in Gaines township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1827, a son of Conrad and Maria (Zuber) Bernauer. His father emigrated from Germany to Philadelphia in 1814, where he met and married Maria Zuber. They lived in that section of Pennsylvania up to 1817, in which year they came to Tioga county and bought 175 acres of land in what is now Gaines township. Here his wife died, and he married Sarah Smith, who died on October 16, 1865. He cleared and improved his farm, and resided upon it until his death, August 1, 1870, in his eighty-first year. Joshua was reared upon the homestead, and attended the common schools of his district in boyhood. On attaining his majority he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and subsequently the carpenter's trade, which he has followed more or less up to the present. September 16, 1864, he enlisted in Battery D, First Pennsylvania Light Artillery, and a month later joined his regiment at

Cedar Creek, taking part in that battle. He was soon after sent to the general hospital, Philadelphia, and was finally discharged June 8, 1865. Mr. Bernauer has been twice married. His first marriage occurred June 8, 1854, to Irene A. Smith, a daughter of David and Lomanda Smith, of Gaines township, who bore him two children, viz: Anna Maria, deceased, and Ellen Irene, wife of C. C. Flynn, of West Pike, Potter county. Mrs. Bernauer died June 17, 1856. He was again married February 28, 1857, to Lucy R. Beach, a daughter of Johial and Sally Beach, of Elk township. Four children were born to this union, as follows: Sally Bethana, who died May 4, 1858; Mary Emeline, who died April 20, 1864; Morris John, of Gaines, and Herbert, at home. Politically, Mr. Bernauer is a Republican, and has filled several of the offices in his township. He is a member of the Free Baptist church, and fills the office of deacon in that body. He is also a charter member of Marshfield Grange, No. 1113, P. of H., and is chaplain in the I. O. G. T.

ALEXANDER MATTISON, originally spelled "Matteson," was born in Herkimer county, New York, in 1810, and came with his parents, Alexander and Lydia (Cleveland) Matteson, natives of Rhode Island, to the site of Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1811. His father's brothers, Jonathan and Solomon, also natives of Rhode Island, and their parents, came at the same time, from Herkimer county, New York, and all settled on the Cowanesque river, where Knoxville now stands. In 1815 Alexander and Jonathan Matteson, and Joshua Colvin, erected a saw-mill on the south bank of the Cowanesque, Alexander's wife sawing the first board. In 1817 Jonathan built a grist-mill on the north bank of the river, opposite the saw-mill, in connection with which was also a fulling-mill. The Mattesons were interested in the erection of a log distillery about the same period, which stood in the north part of the village. The subject of this sketch was reared at Knoxville, whence he removed to Westfield, and about 1840 purchased a large tract of land in Gaines township, containing a saw and grist-mill, where he later erected a hotel. Lumbering was his principal occupation the greater portion of his life, and he was a man of considerable enterprise and public spirit. He married Clara Potter, who bore him a family of twelve children. Mr. Mattison was one of the best known citizens in Gaines township, and died at his home in March, 1876.

SILAS B. MATTISON was born in Westfield township, Tioga county, April 26, 1835, a son of Alexander and Clara Mattison. When he was five years old his parents removed to Gaines township, where he assisted his father in lumbering and farming. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, Silas B. enlisted in Company D, Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in all of the battles in which his regiment was engaged up to Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, where he was taken prisoner. He was paroled three weeks later at Richmond, Virginia, was sent to Annapolis, Maryland, and was soon after discharged from the service. Returning home he purchased a farm near Gaines, which he later sold and then bought his present home near Marshfield, on which he has since resided. In April, 1865, Mr. Mattison married Miss Lucy Coon, a daughter of Lyman and Lucy Coon. Seven children have been born to this marriage, as follows: Horatio, Grant, Howard, Andrew, Belle, Silas and Clara E., the last being dead. Mr. Mattison is a charter member of Marshfield Grange, No. 1113, P. of H., and in politics, a Republican.

JOHN H. BARNHART was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, Octo-

ber 17, 1817, a son of Adam and Rachel (Anderson) Barnhart, originally from Union county. He was reared on a farm, and learned the carpenter's trade, which was his principal occupation the greater part of his life. In 1843 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled on a farm in Gaines township, immediately west of the present Barnhart homestead, on which he located a few years later. At that time Gaines was a comparative wilderness, with very few settlers and little or no improvements. Mr. Barnhart assisted in building the first saw-mill on Elk run, as well as the first house erected in that locality, that of David Smith, which is still standing. By industry and economy he managed to clear and improve his farm, on which he resided up to his death, May 18, 1894, being then one of the oldest citizens in the township. On February 18, 1843, Mr. Barnhart married Sarah Harrison, a daughter of John and Rachel (Freese) Harrison, who became the mother of ten children, viz: Ann Elizabeth, wife of Justus D. Strait, of Gaines; Darwin, of the same township; John M., Rachel O., deceased; Amanda, wife of Oscar Macumber, of Wisconsin; Julia, deceased; Idessa M., wife of N. L. Hanscom, of Marshfield; Justus W., deceased; Otis, and Ambrose B., the last two of whom reside with their mother on the old homestead. Mr. Barnhart took an active interest in the affairs of his township, and served as collector and treasurer. He was a kind husband and father, a good citizen, and an honest, worthy man.

DAVID SMITH, a son of David Smith, Sr., was a native of New Haven county, Connecticut, and came from Chenango county, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1833. Thirteen years later he and his son, Octavius A., came to the place now called Marshfield, Gaines township, cleared a piece of land, and made other preparations for building a home. In February following he came again and built a log house, which he occupied the following spring. This was the first permanent settlement made on Elk run, though there was at the time a saw-mill in operation about a mile from the mouth of that stream, of which John L. Phoenix, Sr., was proprietor. Mr. Smith lived on this farm up to the fall of 1869, when his feeble health compelled him to take up his residence with his son, Octavius A., at whose home he died March 15, 1870, aged eighty-eight years. His widow, whose maiden name was Lomanda Wright, survived until April 30, 1875. They were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity.

OCTAVIUS A. SMITH, son of David and Lomanda Smith, was born in Chenango county, New York, May 5, 1833, and was only a few months old when his parents came to Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools and Wellsboro Academy. About 1854 he located on a tract of timber land near the site of what is now Marshfield, in Gaines township, and commenced clearing and improving it, teaching school during the winter seasons. He has continued in agricultural pursuits on this farm up to the present, which he cleared principally by his own individual efforts, and now in his riper years is enjoying the fruits of a life of honest, persistent labor. Mr. Smith was married May 26, 1863, to Hannah Kleinhans, a daughter of Carl and Wilhelmina (Hoeppe) Kleinhans, who has borne him two children, viz: Marshall M., a merchant of Gaines, and Wilhelmina, wife of Prof. W. O. Robinson, supervisory principal of the Athens High schools, Athens, Pennsylvania. Mr. Smith has been township auditor for thirty years, has filled the office of county commissioner one term, and that of county

auditor for three years, and has also served the people in other capacities. In politics, he is an ardent Republican. Mr. Smith possesses considerable poetic and literary ability, and is the author of quite a number of worthy productions that have been extensively copied in the public press, some of which have been copyrighted.

MARSHALL M. SMITH, son of Octavius A. Smith, and grandson of David Smith, was born in Gaines township, Tioga county, March 7, 1864. He was educated in the common schools and Wellsboro High school, and is also a graduate of Mansfield Business College. He taught in the winter and worked on the farm at home during the summer seasons for several years, and was also employed as a clerk in a store at Leetonia and in the Galeton tannery store. In 1889 he came to Gaines, Tioga county, and formed a partnership with William H. Vermilyea, in the mercantile business. Three years later he purchased the interest of his partner and continued the business alone. He has since purchased the store building and residence, has remodeled the same, and has enjoyed a lucrative trade. On December 4, 1889, he married Nellie E. Watrous, a daughter of William H. and Emma (Williams) Watrous, of Gaines township, who has borne him two children, viz: Sadie M. and Carl W. Mr. Smith is a member of Tyadaghton Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Gaines, and of Gaines Encampment, and has passed the chairs in both lodges. He is also a member of Ossea Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M., of Wellsboro.

CHARLES B. WATROUS was born at Colesville, Broome county, New York, October 13, 1835, a son of William and Eliza H. (Smith) Watrous. His father, a son of James S. Watrous, was born in Connecticut, December 29, 1798, and removed to Broome county, New York, whence he came to Gaines township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1847, where he resided until his death, March 19, 1883. Charles B. was educated in the common schools, and was twelve years old when the family came to Gaines township. Here his father engaged quite extensively in lumber operations, and subsequently cleared and improved a farm one mile south of the mouth of Elk run. The subject of this sketch has always been connected with the lumber business, principally in Tioga county, though he also spent some time in Michigan. In February, 1861, he married Harriet M. Hurd, a daughter of Stephen Hurd, of Caton, New York. Two children were born to this union, viz: William, deceased, and Robert S., of Watrous, Gaines township. Mr. Watrous married for his second wife, Isabella Brewster, a daughter of Luther H. and Olive (Palmer) Brewster, of Richmond township, Tioga county. Two children are the fruits of this union, as follows: Mary B., wife of Robert Tuton, of New York City, and William H., a resident of Minnesota. Politically, Mr. Watrous is a Republican. He is still one of the active business men of Gaines, and devotes his attention to lumbering.

ETHAN STRAIT, a son of Daniel and Sally (Crowl) Strait, was born in Steuben county, New York, July 13, 1816. He was married September 20, 1838, to Julania Wright, a daughter of Justus and Anne Wright, who bore him one son, Justus D., a resident of Gaines township. Mr. Strait learned the wagonmaker's trade in early life, and followed it for a number of years. In 1847 he located in Wellsboro, Tioga county, whence he removed to Lawrenceville. In March, 1850, he settled in Gaines township, on the farm now occupied by his son, Justus D. During the old training

days, he took an active part in military affairs and served as a captain in the militia. He died March 12, 1876, aged sixty years.

JUSTUS D. STRAIT, only child of Ethan and Julania Strait, was born in Steuben county, New York, June 22, 1839. When he was eight years old his parents came to Tioga county, and in March, 1850, settled on the farm where he now resides. Mr. Strait was educated in the common schools and Wellsboro Academy, and has devoted his principal attention to agriculture. He has been a successful farmer and dairyman, and was a merchant in Gaines for a few years. He is the owner of a fine herd of thoroughbred Jersey cows, and his dairy is supplied with the most improved appliances. September 21, 1861, Mr. Strait enlisted in Company I, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and re-enlisted in the field, December 31, 1863. He participated with his regiment in over thirty engagements, besides a number of skirmishes. On September 30, 1864, he was taken prisoner at the battle of Poplar Grove Church, and was confined in prisons at Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia, and Salisbury, North Carolina, and was exchanged February 23, 1865. After a short furlough he rejoined his regiment at Alexandria, Virginia, and was discharged at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1865. While in the service he was promoted to corporal and sergeant, successively. April 5, 1865, Mr. Strait was married to Annie E. Barnhart, a daughter of John H. and Sarah (Harrison) Barnhart, of Gaines township. Nine children have been born to this marriage, as follows: Getta O., wife of Harvey Gardner, of Gaines; Ida H., John E., Norman I., Julia, Darwin C., Eugene J., deceased; Sarah A., and Carl C. In politics, Mr. Strait is a Republican, and has served as school director and auditor of his township three terms each. He is a member of Ackley Post, No. 469, G. A. R., of Sabinsville, and a charter member of the Association of Ex-Prisoners of War, of Wellsboro. He is also connected with Tyadaghton Lodge, No. 981, I. O. O. F., of Gaines; Marshfield Lodge, No. 120, I. O. G. T., and Forest Grove Lodge, A. P. A., of Forest Grove, Oregon. In religion, Mr. Strait is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

DAVID REXFORD was born in Cincinnatus, Cortland county, New York, July 10, 1820, a son of William and Nancy (Blanchard) Rexford. He was reared in his native county, and in 1839 came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and engaged in lumbering in Shippen township, which he followed there about sixteen years. In 1855 he purchased 900 acres of timber land in Gaines township, located upon it, and continued in his lumber operations up to 1890, when he sold his mill and retired from active business. Mr. Rexford was married August 27, 1843, to Catherine A. Furman, a daughter of Josiah and Samantha (Grey) Furman, of Gaines township. Ten children were born to this union, as follows: Delos D. and Jesse J., both residents of Gaines township; Henrietta, deceased; William L., who lives at home; Alice L., deceased; Catherine A., wife of R. C. Kelts, of Sheffield, Pennsylvania; Delia, wife of William Larrison, of Gaines township; Charles L., at home; Oscar, and Ida May, both deceased. Mr. Rexford is a stanch Democrat, has held every township office except justice of the peace, and is also a member of Tyadaghton Lodge, No. 981, I. O. O. F., of Gaines.

DELOS D. REXFORD, eldest child of David and Catherine A. Rexford, was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, November 9, 1844, and was about eleven years old when the family removed to Gaines township. He was educated in the com-

mon schools and Union Academy, and was connected with his father in the lumber business from boyhood, though he also devoted considerable attention to farming. On March 22, 1868, he married Emma S. Seagers, a daughter of Henry J. and Almira (Rixford) Seagers, of Westfield, who has borne him six children, as follows: May H., wife of Rupert K. Jones, of Gaines; Satie B., who died at the age of three years; Blanche L., Leon J., Ina A. and Kittie A. In politics, a Democrat, Mr. Rexford has been constable and collector of Gaines township for seven consecutive years, supervisor several terms, and is now filling the office of school director. He is one of the energetic and enterprising farmers of his township.

WILLIAM H. VERMILYEA was born near Addison, New York, July 18, 1847, a son of Horace C. and Ursula A. (Green) Vermilyea. His parents came to the Cowanesque valley when William H. was but seven years old. His father owned and conducted a tavern at Academy Corners and later carried on a hotel at Gaines, where he also filled the office of postmaster for eighteen years. He died June 4, 1878. His wife died in Chicago, Illinois, November 24, 1895. They were the parents of four children, viz: Alwilda, wife of C. H. Rexford; Albina, widow of the late Dr. F. D. Ritter; Adelbert R., and William H. The subject of this sketch graduated at the State Normal School, Mansfield, in 1869. After completing his education he was induced to study chemistry and medicine at Athens, Pennsylvania, with his brother-in-law, Dr. Ritter, and from 1872 to 1877 he was a druggist in Westfield, Tioga county. He then accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Company, of New York, and for ten years was in the employ of that firm selling gas and coal oil fixtures. In the meantime he had purchased the hotel at Gaines from his father, and after leaving the road he carried on the business up to his death, by accident, July 7, 1894. The old hotel was destroyed by fire, and with characteristic energy and enterprise he at once erected the present commodious structure now occupying the site and known as Hotel Vermilyea. Mr. Vermilyea was married August 3, 1873, to Miss Alice F. Closson, a daughter of David B. and Julia A. (Stryker) Closson, and a granddaughter of John and Eliza (Beach) Closson. Her father was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, May 7, 1812, and her mother in Morris county, New Jersey, April 19, 1820. They reside with her in Westfield, to which place she removed in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Vermilyea were the parents of two children, viz: Inez M., wife of W. W. Marsh, and Horace C. The latter died November 20, 1893, aged eight years. In politics, Mr. Vermilyea was an ardent Republican, was postmaster at Gaines under Harrison's administration, and served as chairman of one of the county conventions. He was a member of the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F., and was a Knight Templar in the Masonic order. He was a man of commendable enterprise and public spirit and his death was a great loss to the business interests of the community in which he lived.

HENRY S. COWBURN was born in Dewsberry, Yorkshire, England, February 3, 1830, a son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Snowden) Cowburn. He was reared in his native land, and attended the public schools of Dewsberry. His father was postmaster at Mirfield, England, for more than forty years, and died there April 30, 1871, in his sixty-ninth year. His mother died February 11, 1869, aged sixty-four years. Henry S. learned the blacksmith's trade in England, and came to the

United States when nineteen years of age, and found employment with Silas X. Billings, of Gaines township, Tioga county, for whom he worked a number of years. He was married to Mercy Mattison, a daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Brown) Mattison, of Clymer township, July 28, 1853. Six children were born to this union, as follows: Joseph E., of Gaines township; William B., of Ulysses township, Potter county; Charles S., of Perryville, Potter county; James H., of Gaines township; Mary Hannah, and Jane Elizabeth, the last two of whom are dead. Mrs. Cowburn died July 5, 1893. In 1871 Mr. Cowburn purchased a farm on Lick run, in Gaines township, upon which he has since lived. He has cleared and improved the land, and erected thereon substantial buildings. In religion, he is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church of Brookland, Potter county. Politically, a Democrat, he has served as school director in Gaines township, and has always taken an interest in the prosperity of his adopted home.

CHARLES E. DIMMICK, a son of George W. and Caroline M. (Hotchkiss) Dimmick, was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1856. He was reared on a farm and was educated in the common schools of his native township. He worked at lumbering until he came to what is now Watrous, Gaines township, where he purchased the Conrad Bernauer farm at the mouth of Elk run, on which he has since resided. In connection with his farm, Mr. Dimmick has also continued lumber jobbing. He married Esther S. Putman, a daughter of William and Harriet (Campbell) Putman, of Sunderlinville, Potter county, June 6, 1885, and has two children, Bruce H. and Verl E. The new and rapidly growing village of Watrous is built entirely on the farm of Mr. Dimmick. The first building was commenced in December, 1894, and it is now a thriving hamlet of between thirty and forty buildings, with two stores and a very commodious school house, built by himself. It is on the line of the Buffalo and Susquehanna, and the Addison and Pennsylvania railroads. Here is also located the Maple, Beech and Birch Flooring Company's plant, which cost \$20,000, and was incorporated in July, 1894. In politics, Mr. Dimmick is a Republican, and has filled the offices of supervisor and school director. He has been a member of Tyadaghton Lodge, No. 981, I. O. O. F., of Gaines, since 1884, and is also a charter member of Gaines Encampment, No. 314, and of Marshfield Grange. Mr. Dimmick is one of the progressive farmers of his native county.

DANIEL W. RUGGLES was born in Chemung county, New York, March 10, 1833, a son of Homer and Mercy S. (Morse) Ruggles. His father was born in 1793, married Mercy S. Morse, and became one of the first settlers of Elk township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. While a resident of New York state, Homer Ruggles served in the War of 1812. His wife's father was a soldier in the Revolution. He resided in Elk township from 1854 until his death, in 1865, aged seventy-two years. Daniel W. was reared upon the homestead in Elk township, and assisted his father on the farm up to 1856, in which year he purchased land in the same township and devoted his attention to clearing and improving it. In February, 1858, he married Rosette E. Kelley, a daughter of James and Sophronia (Butler) Kelley, of Charleston township, Tioga county. The following children were born to this union: Arthur A., of Westfield township; Eva M., wife of Jesse Beach, of Wellsboro; James H., who carries on the harness business at Gaines; Mabel, wife

of Thomas A. Sweet, of Middlebury, and Martha V., wife of A. W. Stickley, of Tiadaghton. Mrs. Ruggles died in August, 1875, and January 2, 1877, he married Zelia O. Colgrove, a daughter of H. L. and Eliza (Rundle) Colgrove, of Elk township. Seven children have been born to this marriage, viz: Charles D., Joseph H., Emma E., Bessie L., Eben E., Hazel R. and Lena A., the last deceased. In February, 1864, Mr. Ruggles enlisted at Wellsboro, in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, his company being in command of Capt. George W. Merrick. They proceeded to Harrisburg, spent three weeks at Camp Curtin, then went to Washington, D. C., and joined the Army of the Potomac at Cold Harbor, Virginia. Mr. Ruggles served with his regiment up to November, 1864, when it was ordered to Philadelphia to recruit and do guard duty. In June, 1865, the regiment proceeded to Harrisburg, and was on guard duty at that place until mustered out of the service in August following. Returning home Mr. Ruggles engaged in farming in Charleston township, but a few years later embarked in carpentering and wagon-making at Wellsboro. In 1875, on the death of his first wife, he entered the employ of C. B. Watrous, of Gaines township, and since that time he has followed farming in connection with operating a wagon shop at Gaines. In politics, a Republican, he has served as constable about six years in Elk township, and as many in Gaines township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, also of Tyadaghton Lodge, No. 981, I. O. O. F., of Gaines, and Babcock Post, No. 258, G. A. R., of Westfield.

CHARLES H. HURLBURT, a son of Alexander and Hannah (Rogers) Hurlburt, of Troupsburg township, Steuben county, New York, was born in Troupsburg, December 9, 1854. He obtained a common school education, and was reared on a farm. Before attaining his majority he came to Westfield, Tioga county, where he found employment as a farm hand for one year, and later entered the employ of Cook & Billings, as a teamster at their tannery on Pine creek. About 1877 he bought a farm on Lick run, in Gaines township, but soon disposed of it and located in the village of Gaines. In 1882 he again purchased property on Lick run, where he has since resided. Mr. Hurlburt is also engaged in lumbering in that locality. On January 1, 1875, he married Lydia Matteson, a daughter of Harris and Emeline (Brace) Matteson, of Westfield township. Nine children have been born to this marriage, named as follows: William H., deceased; George, Ina, Addie May, Walter, Hannah E., Nancy J., Winfred C. and Bessie E. Mr. Hurlburt is an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, a Democrat.

WILLIAM NATHAN LADD, a son of Hannibal and Mary E. (Griffin) Ladd, was born in McKean county, Pennsylvania, near Port Allegheny, November 13, 1857. Two or three years later his parents removed to the vicinity of Potter Brook, in Westfield township, Tioga county. Soon afterwards William Nathan took up his home with his paternal grandfather, William Ladd, in Westfield township, with whom he lived until 1866, when he returned to the father's home in the same township. At an early age he went into the lumber woods, first doing chores or light work, and later taking a man's place. He was principally engaged on Pine creek, but spent four years in the pineries of northern Michigan. Fifteen years of his life was passed in the occupation of a woodsman, in which business he became an expert. On July 5, 1881, Mr. Ladd married Annie M. Furman, a daughter of

Martin W. and Eunice J. (Dartt) Furman, to which union have been born four children, viz: Lola B., born July 28, 1882; Ida M., February 19, 1885; Archie W., April 3, 1889, and Lillian Pearl, October 20, 1894. In October, 1883, Mr. Ladd purchased a farm on the south bank of Pine creek, a mile and a half east of Gaines, where he has since devoted his attention to agriculture, but also spends the winter season in lumber jobbing. In politics, he is a Democrat, and one of the worthy citizens of his township.

SAMUEL WRIGHT was born in Canandaigua, New York, February 5, 1819, a son of Robert and Hannah (Easland) Wright. He grew to maturity in his native place, and March 2, 1839, was married to Miss Sarah F. Farmer, a daughter of James and Deborah (Jewell) Farmer. One son was born to this union, who died in May, 1880, at Bath, New York, and was interred in that town. Mr. Wright lived two years in Canandaigua after his marriage, and then moved to Bloomfield, and later to Rushville, in the same State, whence he returned to Canandaigua. He next went to Penn Yan, where he resided about twelve years, then removed to Wayne, and afterwards kept a hotel at Bath for twelve years. In 1886 he located in Gaines township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, purchasing a farm near Phoenix Station, on the Addison and Pennsylvania railroad. Soon after this he became an invalid, and continued in failing health up to his death, October 8, 1895. Since her husband's death Mrs. Wright has made her home with her grand-daughter, Mrs. C. F. Conine, of Prattsburg, New York, though she owns the homestead farm in Gaines township, and spends a portion of her time in Tioga county looking after her property.

JOHN FISCHLER was born in Germany, February 25, 1845, a son of John and Elizabeth (Kalsch) Fischler, natives of Germany. In May, 1856, the family came to Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where the father carried on a boot and shoe store for more than twenty years. John learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed that business in his father's shop. He was one of a family of twelve children, eight of whom are living. The Fischler brothers are all accomplished musicians, and, when living in Wellsboro, composed the Fischler orchestra of that place, from 1878 to 1887. Charles is now leader of the Stopper & Fiske Orchestra, of Williamsport, and Edwin is a member of the same organization. In October, 1887, Mr. Fischler purchased the drug store at Gaines, then owned by Dr. F. D. Ritter. On April 21, 1865, he married Louise A. Stickley, a daughter of Henry and Lydia (Watkins) Stickley, of Wellsboro, who has borne him two children, viz: Ernest M., a resident of Auburn, Indiana, and Lillian Louise, who lives at home. They also have an adopted son, Lee, a son of Edwin and Lida (Newton) Fischler, the former of whom lives in Williamsport. Mr. Fischler is a member of Tyadaghton Lodge, No. 981, I. O. O. F., and of Gaines Encampment, No. 314, both located at Gaines, Tioga county.

HENRY MENGEE, a native of Hanover, Germany, and a son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Volmer) Mengée, was born January 23, 1824, and was reared and educated in his native land. He learned the cabinet maker's trade, and worked at the same seven years after serving his apprenticeship. In 1846 he immigrated to Brooklyn, New York, where he found employment at his trade for three years, and then went to New York City and worked in the ship-joiner's shop of James H.

Cutter. About 1866 he located in Germania, Potter county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a farm. Since that time Mr. Mengee has worked at his trade in Wellsboro and other towns of the county, while his family carry on the farm. In April, 1845, he married Louise Sittig, a daughter of Fred and Elizabeth (Volmer) Sittig, natives of Germany, who came with him to the United States. Eight children were born to this union, as follows: Henry and Julia, both deceased; George A., a resident of Watrous; William, of Wellsboro; Agnes, deceased; Fred L., of Germania; Emily, wife of Jacob Zoerb, of the same place; Henry F., a resident of Washington, and Herman T., who lives in Prattsburg. Mrs. Mengee died in the autumn of 1881, and was interred in the Germania cemetery.

HERMAN T. MENGEE, youngest child of Henry Mengee, was born in Germania, Potter county, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1868. He obtained a common school education, and engaged in lumbering in the employ of Woefel, Zinert & Company, of Germania. In 1893-94 he was landlord of a hotel in that place, later named the Cottage Hotel. In December, 1895, he purchased a lot at Watrous, one mile south of Gaines, erected a store, stocked it with hardware and general merchandise, and carried on business there until his removal to Prattsburg, New York, where he is engaged in the hotel business. On April 20, 1892, he married Annie Meixner, a daughter of Frank and Catherine (Zengule) Meixner, of Germania, Potter county, and has two children, Clarence F. and Allen H. Mr. Mengee is a member of Abbott Lodge, No. 1015, I. O. O. F., of Germania, and was connected with Germania Tent, K. O. T. M. He is also a charter member of the Schutzen Verin, of Germania.

JOHN MAYNARD was born in Adderbury, Oxfordshire, England, December 5, 1811, a son of Edward and Mary A. (Busby) Maynard. He was reared in his native land, and immigrated to Vermont in 1827, soon after removing to Massachusetts. There he met and married Abigail Whitney, a daughter of Harry and Mary Whitney, of Littleton, New Hampshire, January 1, 1833. Seven sons and six daughters were the fruits of this union, named as follows: Mary Ann, deceased wife of Wheeler Bratton, of Vermont; C. John, who died in childhood; John C., of Gaines township; Martha M., wife of Gustave R. Winkler, of Camden, New Jersey; Marshall M., who died in Kentucky, September 23, 1863, while a member of Company I, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Ede and Edward E., both of whom died in youth; Edwin E., who died in 1885; Ede, wife of Charles Furman, of Camden, New Jersey; Edward E. (2nd), deceased; Reuben G., who lives on the homestead; Carrie E., who first married John C. Trowbridge, and is now the wife of John M. Purhen, of Elk township, and Annie M. I., wife of Herman Perry, of Kalamazoo, Michigan. In June, 1847, Mr. Maynard came to Westfield township, Tioga county, and some two years later removed to Shippen township, where he was foreman of the lumbering interests of his brother, a member of the firm of Maynard & White. In 1853 he located in Elk township, where several years before he had purchased over 500 acres of timber land near the head of Elk run. He was the first permanent settler in the township, and built his home in the midst of the primitive forest, cleared up a good farm and reared a large family. Mr. Maynard was a practicing physician in that section, but devoted his principal attention to the cultivation and improvement of the homestead. He planted out large orchards of apples and pears at quite an early day, and furnished his neighbors with abundance of fruit free of cost. At

the organization of Elk township, Mr. Maynard was elected a justice of the peace, and filled the office continuously up to the time of his death. He also held nearly every other township office at different periods, and was one of the commissioners chosen to select the site of the county poor farm. In addition to his original purchase, he had bought other tracts from time to time, until he owned and sold nearly every farm for two miles square, in all between 1,600 and 1,700 acres. Mr. Maynard died on his farm, December 9, 1878; his widow survived until September 23, 1886.

REUBEN G. MAYNARD, a son of John and Abigail Maynard, was born in Shippen township, Tioga county, January 29, 1851, and was two years old when the family settled in Elk township. He attended the district school near his home, and worked on the farm and in the lumber woods throughout his early life. He is now the owner of the old homestead, to which he devotes his entire attention, and is one of the leading farmers of this section of the county. He takes commendable pride in the improvement of his property, and has an orchard of 500 bearing trees. On May 5, 1875, Mr. Maynard married Ettie P. Niles, a daughter of E. W. and Catherine (Backus) Niles, of Middlebury township, both of whom are dead. They are the parents of seven children, viz: Edith K., wife of Charles Wheeler, of Farmington township; Wallace, deceased; John W., Floyd and Lloyd (twins), the latter deceased; Reuben R. and Harry. Politically, Mr. Maynard is a Republican, and has filled the office of school director, supervisor, auditor, constable, collector and assessor, and is the present treasurer of the school board. He is a member of Tyadaghton Lodge, No. 981, I. O. O. F., also of Gaines Encampment, No. 314, and is connected with Marshfield Grange, No. 1113, P. of H. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is one of the most respected and progressive citizens of the community.

CHARLES H. WEST, son of James H. and Catherine (Lull) West, was born in Cortland county, New York, August 26, 1836, and there grew to manhood. About 1865 he went to Vermont, where on December 3, of that year, he married Lura E. Draper, a daughter of Daniel and Huldah (Kimberly) Draper, of West Haven, Rutland county, Vermont. Four children were born to this union, viz: James H., who died October 20, 1895; Arthur, born March 21, 1869; Norman E., born October 7, 1871, and Lettie A., born May 19, 1873. In 1868 Mr. West removed to Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and the same year located in Elk township, where he purchased the farm, on the headwaters of Kettle creek, on which his family now reside. It was covered by an almost unbroken forest, which has since been cleared off, and here Mr. West died August 14, 1873. On October 9, 1874, Mrs. West married Wilbur Welch, and to this union have been born five children, as follows: Lettie A., widow of Claude Ellsworth, who died at Sunderlinville, Potter county, August 27, 1895; Albert J., born October 6, 1877; Sarah E., April 17, 1880; Huldah L., August 24, 1882; Annie E., March 21, 1885, and Henrietta A., November 28, 1887. Mr. Welch is employed in cutting and stocking logs during the lumbering season, and devotes his attention to farming the balance of the year.

JOHN C. TROWBRIDGE was born in Clymer township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1847, a son of Caleb and Eliza (Losey) Trowbridge. He was educated in the common schools and Union Academy, and assisted his parents on the

farm until his marriage. On January 4, 1871, he married Carrie E. Maynard, a daughter of John and Abigail Maynard, of Elk township, who bore him two children, Edward C., and Grace A., the latter deceased. After his marriage Mr. Trowbridge was engaged in lumber operations on Pine creek and its tributaries during the fall and winter seasons, but always returned to the old homestead to assist his parents in the duties of the farm, which he continued to do up to the time of his death.

EDWARD C. TROWBRIDGE, only living child of John C. and Carrie E. Trowbridge, was born in Clymer township, Tioga county, November 21, 1871. He attended the common schools of his native township, and has since devoted his attention to farming and lumbering. He makes his home with his mother, Mrs. John M. Purhen, in Elk township, where he is the owner of a farm and other property. He is a member of Marshfield Grange, No. 1113, P. of H.

JOHN M. PURHEN was born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1854, a son of Frank and Dorothy (Franck) Purhen, of Elk township, Tioga county, whither the family removed during the childhood of our subject. He remained with his parents until 1883, when he purchased a saw-mill, which he has since operated near his present home. On February 27, 1884, he married Mrs. Carrie E. Trowbridge, widow of John C. Trowbridge, a daughter of John and Abigail Maynard, who has borne him two children, Marshall M. and Martha M., twins, born June 4, 1890. Mr. Purhen is engaged in farming, in connection with the manufacture of lumber. He is a member of Marshfield Grange, No. 1113, P. of H.

JOHN E. FRELIGH was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, April 22, 1841, a son of Moses J. and Harriet (Boughton) Freligh. When he was a child his parents removed to Delaware county, New York, where his father worked at the mason's trade, though devoting a portion of his attention to farming. John E. was reared on a farm. His mother having died when he was quite young, he was taken by a farmer of Delaware county, with whom he lived many years. After attaining his majority, he purchased a farm in Broome county, New York, and three years later went to Iowa, where he continued in agricultural pursuits. In 1876 he bought eighty acres of land in Floyd county, Iowa, on which he lived up to 1887, when he came to Elk township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased his present homestead. On August 10, 1862, Mr. Freligh married Emma P. Howe, a daughter of Israel and Hannah (Childs) Howe, of Broome county, New York, and has four children, viz: Lillian E., wife of W. H. Brownell, of Elk township; Edgar R., John Wilbur and Elsie M. Mrs. Freligh owns 100 acres of land a short distance from their home, left her by her father. The homestead is nearly all cleared and improved, making a very pleasant place of residence. In 1892 Mr. Freligh became interested with his son, Edgar R., in the Star Washer, and purchased the rights to sell the same in New York and Pennsylvania. A year later they purchased eleven more States. In 1892 they began the manufacture of these machines at Westfield, which they carried on up to the spring of 1894, when they suspended work and Mr. Freligh returned to the farm. The family are all charter members of Marshfield Grange, No. 1113, P. of H. Mr. Freligh is also a member of St. Charles Lodge, No. 442, F. & A. M., of Charles City, Iowa, and in politics, is an ardent Republican.

ROBERT THOMPSON, third son of Samuel and Rachel Thompson, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, December 23, 1853. His parents were Scotch-Irish, and reared the following children: Jane, wife of Taylor Quade, a farmer residing near Buffalo, New York; James, a tannery foreman at Limestone, New York; John, a farmer of Green county, New York; Robert, of Leetonia; Rachel, who lives in Canada, and Margaret, deceased. The mother died in Ireland, and her husband subsequently came to the United States and settled on a farm near Kingston, Ulster county, New York, in 1862, where he still resides. The subject of this sketch came to the United States in 1871, and found employment in a tannery in Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania, where he learned the tanner's trade. In 1871 he removed to Leetonia, Tioga county, becoming an employe in the Cedar Run Tannery, which began operations that year. He has been foreman of the tannery for the past five years, and is one of the most thorough and practical men in the business. On June 14, 1880, Mr. Thompson married Addie Merrills, a daughter of Clum and Elizabeth Merrills, of Lycoming county, who has borne him seven children, viz: James, Effie, William, Nellie, Daisy, Robert and Olive. Mr. Thompson is the oldest citizen in point of residence in Leetonia, and enjoys the respect and esteem of his neighbors as well as the confidence of his employers. In politics, a Republican, he has filled the office of postmaster of Leetonia, and has served nearly eight years as school director.

SHIPPEN TOWNSHIP.

JOHN ENGLISH was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, June 9, 1809, a son of James and Margaret (McConnis) English, of that place. He was a weaver, and worked at that trade until 1835, when he immigrated to the United States and found employment with Hezekiah Stowell, on Pine creek, in Shippen township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He worked for Mr. Stowell about six years, most of the time in the grist-mill at what is now Ansonia. About 1841 he bought a farm in Delmar township, located near Dutch hollow, on which he settled the same year. At that time the country was sparsely populated, and the lands were covered by the original forest. He made the first clearing on his farm, and after a residence there of four or five years his wife died, and he then sold out and bought a house and lot in Wellsboro. He continued in agricultural pursuits in the vicinity of his first purchase for a few years, and then located on his father-in-law's farm in Delmar, on which he lived up to 1864, when he purchased a farm in Shippen township, near Delmar postoffice, where he passed the remaining years of his life, dying July 17, 1887. Mr. English followed farming steadily and persistently, but also engaged to some extent in the lumber business. In 1872 he was awarded a contract for the construction of a public road from Antrim to Morris, which is to-day one of the best roads in Tioga county. He was a staunch Republican, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He served as supervisor of Shippen township three years; school director nine years, and assessor two terms. Mr. English was three times married. In 1833 he was married in Ireland to Catherine Glass, a daughter of John Glass, who bore him eight children as follows: Eliza, widow of Alonzo Ellis, of Westfield; Mary, deceased wife of Stephen English, of Lycoming county; Sarah, deceased wife of Stephen Campbell, of the same county; James, George, John, Richard and William, all of whom died before they reached the

age of ten years. Mrs. English died in April, 1846, and the following year he married Letitia Kelsey, a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Merrick) Kelsey, of Delmar township. Eight children were born to this marriage, viz: Daniel and Benjamin F., both deceased; Eugene S., of Shippen township; Willis L., of Morris township; John F., a resident of Shippen; Anna C., wife of Frank Watkins, of Wellsboro; Mary L., a teacher in Shippen, and Grant, who has been adopted by Robert Kelsey, of Wellsboro, and has taken his name. Mrs. English died on June 12, 1870, dying as she had lived a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. About a year after her death Mr. English married his third wife, Mrs. Eliza Stevens, of Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

EUGENE S. ENGLISH, oldest living child of John and Letitia English, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 3, 1852, and was educated in the common schools, and Wellsboro High School, later attending Cook Academy, at Havana, New York, in which institution he spent three years. He earned money in lumbering and at farm work to use in completing his education. After his return from school, he lived at home and cultivated the farm, caring for his parents and his invalid brother, John. At the death of his father he inherited the old homestead, and has made farming his principal vocation. Mr. English is one of the progressive, enterprising farmers of Shippen, and owns one of the best improved farms in the township. On December 15, 1886, he married Rosetta M. Baldwin, a daughter of Vine and Cynthia D. (Boyden) Baldwin, of Delmar township, and has one child, Lottie M. Mr. English and wife are members of Shippen Baptist church, and also of Middle Ridge Grange, No. 384, P. of H. In politics, he is a Republican, and has filled the offices of supervisor, auditor, clerk and treasurer in Shippen township.

JOSEPH A. DARLING was born in Otsego county, New York, July 5, 1827. His parents, Joshua and Robay (Millard) Darling, were originally from Rhode Island, and settled in Otsego county, New York, at an early day, whence they came to Shippen township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where they lived from 1850 to 1854. In the latter year they removed to Nebraska, and resided in that state until their death. Joseph A. was reared in his native county, and worked with his father at the carpenter's trade until he was eighteen years of age. In 1846 he came to Shippen township, Tioga county, and found employment with Hezekiah Stowell, mostly in lumber jobbing. On August 19, 1850, he married Helen M. Swope, a daughter of Abiather and Julia Anna (Sherman) Swope, of Shippen township, who has borne him six children, as follows: Alice E., wife of Vine R. Pratt, of Reynolds-ville, Jefferson county; Anna M., widow of Lafayette Wetherbee, of Shippen township; Walter C., a resident of Elk township; May J., who died January 22, 1863; Joseph E., a resident of Gaines township, and Grace E. M., wife of Byron Ford, of Shippen. About 1855 Mr. Darling purchased a farm on Pine creek, in Shippen township, known as the Pine Grove farm, which he cleared and improved. He lived there up to 1883, when he sold the property and bought 200 acres of land on Darling run, in the south part of Shippen township. It was then covered by the original forest, which Mr. Darling has since cleared off, erected commodious buildings, and otherwise improved the property. In 1890 he purchased 127 acres in the southeast part of Shippen, known as the R. W. Wheeler farm, both of which he still owns. During these years Mr. Darling has jobbed more or less in connection

with farm duties, and has been quite successful in his business ventures. In politics, a Republican, he has served as a justice of the peace for twenty years continuously, and has also filled nearly all of the other township offices. He is a member of Middle Ridge Grange, No. 384, P. of H., of Delmar township, and has also been connected with the I. O. O. F. Mr. and Mrs. Darling are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is one of the progressive farmers of Shippen township.

HORACE BROUGHTON was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1818, a son of Nathan and Sally (Walker) Broughton, who came from Delaware county, New York, to Tioga county in 1817. He was reared upon a farm and learned the blacksmith's trade, which occupation he followed the greater part of his life. He also acted as a lumber pilot on Pine creek, and was engaged during the rafting season of each year in piloting lumber to the markets in central Pennsylvania. He finally purchased a farm on Pine creek, in Shippen township, Tioga county, where he resided until his death, July 5, 1893. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Greenleaf) Sly, of Shippen township. They were married August 19, 1838, and were the parents of nine children, as follows: Amelia, wife of Isaac Holmes, of Michigan; Maria, wife of Ambrose Dimmick, of Shippen township; Juliet, wife of George Dimmick, of Shippen; Sarah E., who died in infancy; Lucy, deceased wife of Edwin T. Everett, of Covington; Richard H., a resident of McKean county; Job R., of Westfield borough; Emmet W., of Shippen township, and Rosabella, wife of Matthew Luxenberger, of McKean county. Mrs. Broughton died on January 1, 1877, in her fifty-seventh year. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian church, of Ansonia, and are buried in the cemetery at that place. In politics, Mr. Broughton was a Republican, and filled the offices of supervisor, auditor, inspector and judge of election at different periods. He was also connected with Tyoga Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Wellsboro.

EMMET W. BROUGHTON, a son of Horace and Elizabeth Broughton, was born on the homestead in Shippen township, Tioga county, November 8, 1858, and attended the common schools of the district in boyhood. He has always lived upon the old homestead, assisting his parents in the duties of the farm, which he took charge of at his father's death. On September 24, 1882, he married Anna M. Britting, a daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Wingerter) Britting, of Germania, Potter county, who has borne him one daughter, Ruth A. They also have reared Maggie Pletcher, a niece of Mrs. Broughton, whose father, George Pletcher, lives in Galeton, Potter county. Politically, Mr. Broughton is a Republican, and has served as township clerk, treasurer, inspector and clerk of election for many years.

HARRIS DARTT was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, February 11, 1830, a son of John and Betsey E. (Butler) Dartt, early settlers of that township. He was reared upon the homestead farm, and attended the district school of his neighborhood until old enough to earn his own living, when his father gave him his time and he afterwards made his own way in life. He learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at that business in connection with farming. Soon after attaining his majority, he purchased a farm on East hill, Delmar township, and cleared a portion of it. A few years later he sold it and purchased a tract of timber land in the south part of Shippen township, which he sold about 1858 and bought 138

acres two miles westward, where his widow and son, John B., now reside. This farm was at that time unimproved, and Mr. Dartt began at once the erection of a log house, and devoted his energies toward clearing and improving the land. On September 30, 1860, he married Mary Caroline Wilcox, a daughter of William and Lydia (Buckbee) Wilcox, of Delmar township, who bore him one son, John B. Mr. Dartt enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, February 4, 1864, and served in the Army of the Potomac. He was taken sick with fever while on his way to the front, and was sent to the hospital at Philadelphia. He later rejoined his regiment, but was again returned to the hospital as unfit for duty, and was finally discharged, June 28, 1865. He returned to his home in broken health, to resume the duties of the farm. In 1888 he replaced the old log house with a more modern structure, also erected better out-buildings, and continued to reside on this farm up to his death, December 28, 1895. In politics, he was a Republican, and in religion, a member of the First Baptist church, of Shippen township, to which his widow also belongs. He served as school director nine years, also as collector, judge of election, etc. He was a member of Cook Post, No. 315, G. A. R., of Wellsboro, and one of the respected citizens of the community.

JOHN B. DARTT was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 24, 1863, and is the only child of Harris and Mary C. Dartt. He has spent his entire life on the homestead farm, which he took charge of at his father's death. On July 2, 1889, he married Lillian Wilcox, a daughter of Dennis and Sarah (Wilson) Wilcox, of Delmar township, and has two children, Nora and Harvey. Mrs. Dartt is a member of the First Baptist church of Shippen, and in politics, the family adhere to the Republican party.

ELIHU J. DORT, originally spelled "Dartt," was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 15, 1832, a son of John and Betsey E. (Fuller) Dartt, early settlers of that township. Before attaining his majority he learned the blacksmith's trade, which business he has followed more or less in connection with agriculture. About 1862 he purchased an unimproved tract of 104 acres, in the south part of Shippen township, on which he now resides. There was no settlement in that part of the township at that time, and Mr. Dort was obliged to travel three miles through the woods every night and morning while engaged in clearing a place for his dwelling and in erecting the same. By rigid industry he gradually cleared off the dense forest, year by year, and has lived to see that section thickly settled and converted into productive farms. On January 1, 1858, he married Aurilla Sherman, a daughter of Tile and Lurinda (Babcock) Sherman, of Shippen township, who has borne him three children, viz: Lurinda G., wife of Daniel L. Plumley, of Shippen; Frankie E., wife of Darius Plumley, of the same township, and Porter J. Mr. Dort enlisted in Battery D, First Pennsylvania Light Artillery, September 15, 1864, and was under Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley until January 1, 1865. The battery was then sent to winter quarters at Maryland Heights, and the following April to Arlington Heights, and was finally discharged in June, 1865, when Mr. Dort returned to his home in Shippen and resumed work on the farm, to which he has since given his principal attention, but has also kept a blacksmith shop for his own convenience, as well as for the accommodation of his neighbors. In politics,

a Republican, he has served as school director and assessor of Shippen. He is a member of George Cook Post, No. 315, G. A. R. of Wellsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Dort are members of the Free Baptist church, at Kennedy, Delmar township.

PORTER J. DORT, youngest child and only son of Elihu J. Dort, was born on the homestead in Shippen township, attended the common schools of the district, and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, at which he has worked in the lumber woods to a considerable extent. On February 22, 1893, he married Laverne G. Townsend, a daughter of Edward and Jennie (Hastings) Townsend, of Tiadaghton, Tioga county. She was a native of Eau Claire county, Wisconsin, where she was born July 26, 1874. Mrs. Dort died March 20, 1894. In politics, Mr. Dort is a Republican.

BENJAMIN F. KNOWLTON, eldest son of Timothy Knowlton, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, December 6, 1822, and remained with his parents until his majority. He afterwards worked in different portions of the county as a farm hand for a few years. On September 10, 1845, he married Lydia Ames, of Sullivan township, and in November removed to Lake county, Illinois, where he purchased a farm on which he lived up to 1850. He then returned to Sullivan township, Tioga county, and bought a part of the old homestead, which he cultivated in partnership with his brother, Andrew J., until 1862. In that year he sold his interest in the homestead farm and purchased 150 acres in the south part of Shippen township, which at that time contained little or no improvements. He has since cleared and improved the property, erected a modern residence, substantial out-buildings, and reared a large family, being to-day one of the pioneer landmarks of Shippen township. Mrs. Knowlton was born November 15, 1820, in Sullivan township, Tioga county, and is the mother of eight children, as follows: George O. and Leander A., of Shippen township; Phoebe A., wife of Abram M. Sherman, of Shippen; Eugene F., of Delmar; Herbert A., of Clymer; Lydia J., wife of Rev. William J. Playfoot, a Baptist minister; Julian P., of Shippen, and Frank H., who lives with his parents. Mr. Knowlton is an ardent Democrat, and has served as supervisor, school director and treasurer in Shippen township. His sons, Leander and Frank, carry on the old homestead farm, and thus assist their parents in their declining years.

SAMUEL SCRANTON was born in Schoharie county, New York, September 27, 1820, a son of Lyman and Elizabeth (Cronkrite) Scranton. He attended the common schools of his native county, and removed with his parents to Bradford county, Pennsylvania, thence to Ralston, Lycoming county. About 1835 they located in Blossburg, Tioga county, where the father engaged in jobbing, clearing land and lumbering. Samuel worked with his father until his majority, and then settled in Union township, Tioga county. From 1844 to 1849 he lived at Tiadaghton, where he was employed by Wilcox & Robinson, of Wellsboro. He then moved to Stony Fork, in Delmar township, where he had purchased a tract of land, and lived there up to 1864, in which year he removed to Marsh creek, near the Shippen line. Two years later he purchased 200 acres in Shippen township, on which he has lived up to the present. He followed the lumber business in connection with farming up to a few years ago, but now devotes his entire attention to agriculture. On October 15, 1843, Mr. Scranton married Almira A. Wheeler, a daughter of Joseph B. and Laura

M. (Smith) Wheeler, of Delmar township. Seven children have been born to this marriage, as follows: George M., of Shippen; Lauretta, wife of Amasa Gee, of Delmar; Arthur J., deceased; Stephen S., and Chester L., both residents of Shippen; Anna M., wife of Charles L. Baker, of the same township, and Mary I., deceased. Politically, Mr. Scranton is a Republican, and has served as supervisor of Shippen two terms. He is a member of Shippen Grange, No. 902, P. of H., and is also an adherent of the Free Baptist church.

GEORGE M. SCRANTON, eldest son of Samuel Scranton, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, July 20, 1844; was educated in the common schools, and remained with his parents on the homestead until after his majority. On July 4, 1879, he married Rebecca R. Campbell, a daughter of King Jerome Campbell, of Delmar, to which union have been born three sons: Arthur L., Walter L., and Samuel J. For several years Mr. Scranton worked at different places. In 1875 he purchased a tract of land on Marsh creek, in Delmar township, and lived upon it seven years. He then sold it and purchased an improved farm in Shippen, where he has since resided. In 1881 he was elected constable and collector of Shippen and has held these offices continuously up to the present. He is a member of Shippen Grange, No. 902, P. of H., of Ansonia, and both he and wife are members of the Free Baptist church.

STEPHEN S. SCRANTON, second son of Samuel Scranton, was born in Delmar township August 1, 1850. On April 6, 1891, he married Jennie Hunt, a daughter of William R. Hunt, of Delmar, and has one child: Lyman H. Mr. Scranton owns a part of the old homestead, where he now resides. In politics, a Republican, he has been constable and collector, and also supervisor and inspector of elections.

CHESTER L. SCRANTON, youngest son of Samuel Scranton, was born in Delmar township, January 4, 1854, and lived with his parents until his marriage. He owns a part of the old homestead on which he now resides. On October 28, 1880, he married Luella E. Holiday, a daughter of Delos Holiday, of Delmar, and has two children: Homer L. and Benjamin M. Mr. Scranton has been connected with the lumbering interests more or less since boyhood, and has also worked at blacksmithing and farming. In politics, a Republican, he has been supervisor and inspector of elections in Shippen township.

WILLIAM C. REYMAN was born in Pike county, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1833, a son of Jacob and Rachel (Empson) Reyman. In 1834 his parents removed to Bradford county and settled in Ridgebury township, where William C. grew to manhood. He remained with his parents until their decease. His father died November 9, 1853, and his mother, October 14, 1854. He then lived on Bentley creek, in Ridgebury township, where he worked at the shoemaker's trade up to 1866, in which year he removed to Shippen township, Tioga county, and settled on Marsh creek. He worked in the lumber woods and jobbed at lumbering until 1881, when he bought a small farm on Darling run, in Shippen township, cleared it and erected substantial buildings. He has since given his attention to the cultivation and improvement of his farm. On July 3, 1863, Mr. Reyman married Hattie A. Campbell, a daughter of King J. and Charlotte (Peterson) Campbell, of Delmar township, who has borne him two children, viz: Marian D., wife of J. Munson, of Troupsburg, New York, and William J., of Shippen township. Mr. and Mrs. Reyman are members of

Dexter Methodist Episcopal church, of Delmar township, and in politics, he is a Republican.

WILLIAM J. REYMAN, only son of William C. Reyman, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, January 25, 1868, and received a common school education. He lived with his parents until twenty-two years of age, during which time he worked away from home at different periods. On December 24, 1889, he married Jennie L. Lockwood, a daughter of Charles C. and Carrie A. (Snyder) Lockwood, of Sullivan county, New York, who has borne him one child, Hazel. In May, 1890, he removed to Leetonia, Elk township, and was employed in the tannery at that place up to November, 1895. He then located on a farm in Shippen township, which he had purchased the preceding April, and has since been engaged in farming. He is a member of Middle Ridge Grange, No. 384, P. of H., of Delmar township, and in politics, is an adherent of the Republican party.

CHAUNCEY BAKER was born in Otsego county, New York, February 12, 1817, a son of George and Susan (Nott) Baker. He was reared on a farm, and September 22, 1838, married Abbie Marshall, a daughter of George and Lucretia (Marinus) Marshall. To this union were born fourteen children, thirteen of whom are living and heads of families. Their names are as follows: Eliza L., wife of Edward Reese, of Clymer township; Henry, of Westfield township; Erastus, of Chenango county, New York; George, of Bainbridge, New York; Jonathan O., of North Clarendon, Pennsylvania; S. Harvey, of Knoxville, Tioga county; James N., a resident of Otsego county, New York; Susan L., wife of E. B. Bradley, of Shippen township; Mary J., wife of Warner Thayer, of Otsego county, New York; Charles L., of Shippen township; Elizabeth A., wife of Chester Schoonover, of Clymer township; Alfred R., of Otsego county, New York; Albert C., deceased, and Augustus B., of Steuben county, New York. In 1856 Mr. Baker and family came from Chenango county, New York, to Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he has lived the greater portion of the time for the past forty years. His business has been principally that of an agent, dealing in horses, mules, patent rights, etc. He represented Nathan Stockwell, of Broome county, New York, at the Centennial Exhibition, held at Philadelphia in 1876, having charge of several exhibits. Mrs. Baker died March 19, 1865, and in 1867, he married Lucy Green, widow of Daniel Green, of Osceola. She died in September, 1890, at their home near Knoxville. Mr. Baker now lives with his daughter, Mrs. Schoonover, in Clymer township.

CHARLES L. BAKER, a son of Chauncey and Abbie Baker, was born in Knoxville, Tioga county, April 3, 1856, and attended the common schools of his native place. At the age of fifteen years he came to Shippen township and found employment in the lumber camps of Samuel Scranton, with whom he remained several years. From 1876 to 1884 he was employed by Erastus P. Deane, and his son, Darius L. Deane, of Wellsboro, surveyors, assisting them in surveying the lands of Phelps, Dodge & Company, in Shippen and adjoining townships, also in surveying the Bingham lands. About 1880 he purchased 117 acres on Marsh creek, in Shippen township, one mile east of Ansonia, to which he added 113 acres by purchase in May, 1892, making in all 230 acres, much of which he has cleared and improved. On July 18, 1875, Mr. Baker married Anna M. Scranton, a daughter of Samuel and Almira A. Scranton, of Shippen township. Three children have been born to this

union, viz: Homer L., Clarence L. and Stephen C. Homer L. died March 28, 1882. Mr. Baker and wife are members of Shippen Grange, No. 902, P. of H., and he has served as school director of his district.

THOMAS L. WOODRUFF, a son of Morgan M. and Elsie E. Woodruff, was born in Spencer, Tioga county, New York, December 14, 1833. His parents removed to Chemung county when he was a youth, and he lived at home on his father's farm until the death of his mother, October 28, 1850. About 1855 he went to Nemaha county, Kansas, where he pre-empted a timber claim of eighty acres. Eighteen months later he returned to Chemung county, New York, whence he removed to Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and opened a store at Ridgebury. He also purchased a farm there, and resided upon it up to 1872, when he sold out and bought 300 acres of land in Shippen township, Tioga county, about four miles northwest of Ansonia. He cleared up a part of this land and otherwise improved it. Six years later he sold the property and purchased a third interest in 2,100 acres of the Babcock estate, on Long run, in Gaines township, retaining a mortgage on his first farm. Subsequently he sold his interest in the Babcock lands to Silas X. Billings and bought back his former home in Shippen township. He has bought and sold several farms in this vicinity, and is now the owner of three farms aggregating 334 acres. Mr. Woodruff is a prudent, successful business man, energetic and enterprising in whatever he undertakes, and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the township. On February 20, 1861, he married Sarah A. Richardson, a daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Merritt) Richardson, of Chemung county, New York. The following children were born to this marriage: Laura, wife of Rush Culver, United States land agent at Marquette, Michigan; Nellie, wife of Melvin Swope, of Shippen township; William M., deceased; Alvinza, who lives on the homestead farm, and Lafayette, a resident of Chemung county, New York. Mr. Woodruff is a Republican, and has filled the offices of supervisor, auditor, school director and clerk. He is a member of Tyadaghton Lodge, No. 981, I. O. O. F., of Gaines.

ASA WARRINER was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, September 28, 1842, a son of William L. and Naomi (Chase) Warriner, of that township. He obtained a common school education, and worked at the carpenter's trade with his father during his boyhood days. At the age of sixteen he began working in the lumber woods on Pine creek and vicinity, which he followed until the breaking out of the Rebellion. On July 24, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Sixth Pennsylvania Reserve, and served with his regiment until July, 1862, when he was transferred to Battery A, First Pennsylvania Light Artillery. His command was a part of the Army of the Potomac until July, 1863, when the battery was sent to Norfolk, Virginia. About June, 1864, it joined the Army of the James, at Bermuda Front. Mr. Warriner was wounded October 27, 1864, at Fair Oaks, receiving a gunshot in the left leg, and was sent to Hampton General Hospital. He was discharged from the hospital May 30, 1865, and returned to his home in Tioga county. On March 14, 1866, he married Josephine Hoadley, a daughter of William J. and Eleanor M. (Wheeler) Hoadley, of Delmar township, and has two daughters: Edith D., wife of Arthur E. Hawk, of Shippen, and Ina M., wife of Clarence B. Bradley, of the same township. In April, 1875, Mr. Warriner purchased sixty-

four acres of land on Marsh creek in Shippen township, and has since given his attention to its improvement and cultivation. In politics, a Republican, he has served as township assessor two terms. He is a charter member of George Cook Post, No. 315, G. A. R., of Wellsboro; is a member of Shippen Grange, No. 902, P. of H., of Ansonia; also of Washington Camp, No. 640, P. O. S. of A., and of Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 61, I. O. G. T., both of Marsh Creek.

HORACE BUTLER, a native of Massachusetts, was a son of Joseph and Hannah (Cross) Butler, of that State. He learned the carpenter's trade in early manhood, but later gave it up and devoted his attention to farming and lumbering. On June 24, 1837, he married Polly Ferry, a daughter of John and Polly (Cross) Ferry, of Massachusetts, who bore him seven children, viz: Ira F., Charles, Daniel, Edward H., James M., deceased; Nelson, and Hiram, deceased. In 1855 Mr. Butler and family came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and purchased a farm in Delmar township. He lived there until April, 1875, when he sold his property and went to North Carolina. He bought a farm in that State, upon which he resided up to his death, February 16, 1876. Mrs. Butler returned to Tioga county, and subsequently purchased a home in Delmar township, where she lived until 1890. She then took up her residence with her son, Edward H., of Shippen township, and died March 17, 1894.

EDWARD H. BUTLER was born in Munson township, Hampden county, Massachusetts, September 17, 1843, a son of Horace and Polly Butler, and was eleven years old when his parents settled in Delmar township, Tioga county. He was reared upon the homestead, and assisted his father on the farm and in the lumber woods until he was twenty-five years old. He has since been largely connected with the lumber interest, working in the woods during the fall and winter seasons up to within a few years. On April 25, 1868, he married Laura E. Hoadley, a daughter of William J. and Eleanor M. (Wheeler) Hoadley, of Delmar township, who has borne him four sons, viz: Leon M., Clayton W., Leverne J., and Ivan E. They have also an adopted daughter, Mary E. Mr. Butler purchased a farm in Delmar township near Stony Fork, and later a farm on Stony Fork creek, in the same township. In 1876 he sold his Delmar property and bought a farm on Marsh creek, at the mouth of Asaph run, in Shippen township. This he sold in 1885 and purchased his present homestead, in the same vicinity. He has improved several farms, erected buildings, and has spent his entire life in farming and lumbering. Politically, he is a Republican, and has served as township supervisor five years.

JAMES D. WEBSTER, son of Allen and Thanks (Norton) Webster, was born May 24, 1834, in Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where his parents had settled, and he was there reared to manhood. He lived on the homestead farm until his majority, and for the five succeeding years worked for Elliot S. Rose, of Sullivan township. About 1861 he purchased a farm near Mainesburg, on which he lived up to 1865, when he sold out and engaged in the grocery business in Mansfield, which he continued to follow some eight years. In March, 1876, he bought a tract of eighty-four acres of timber land in the south part of Shippen township, on which he settled. With the assistance of his sons, Mr. Webster has cleared nearly the whole tract, erected substantial buildings, and otherwise improved the farm. He has been twice married. On March 13, 1861, he married Mary Matteson,

a daughter of Solomon and Adaline (McNeal) Matteson, of Dundee, Yates county, New York. She bore him two children, viz: Judd Lew, of Shippen, and Merwin M., who lives with his father. Mrs. Webster died May 21, 1868, and was interred in the Mansfield cemetery. On April 2, 1871, he married Permelia R. Perry, a daughter of Marvin and Laura (Gaylord) Perry, of Richmond township. Three children were born to this marriage, as follows: Walter M., Mary, who died at the age of four, and Allen J. Both the sons live on the homestead farm. Mr. Webster was connected with the lumber business to a considerable extent from 1876 to 1886, not only in marketing the timber from his own land, but in jobbing. Since the latter year he has given his attention to the improvement of his farm. He is a charter member of Mansfield Lodge, I. O. O. F., and also of the I. O. G. T. Since early manhood he has been a member of the Close Communion Baptist church, and is a deacon in the Shippen society.

JUDD LEW WEBSTER was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, June 9, 1862, and is the eldest son of James D. Webster. In 1879 he was employed by the Pennsylvania Joint Land and Lumber Company, of Williamsport, and went to Telfair county, Georgia, where he was engaged in lumbering six months. About 1884 he purchased a farm adjoining his father's, which he has since cleared and improved. He has also jobbed in lumber more or less in the vicinity of Pine creek. On December 2, 1891, he married Clara Miller, a daughter of Lorenzo and Phoebe (Knowlton) Miller, of Delmar township, and the following year located on his farm. They are the parents of two children, Ola A. and Glenn D. Mr. Webster is a member of Castle, No. 23, K. of G. E., of Stony Fork, and is one of the enterprising farmers of Shippen township.

JERRY C. DARLING, a son of Henry and Margaret (Backus) Darling, residents of Covington township, Tioga county, was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, May 9, 1866. When he was ten years old his parents moved to Shippen township, where he attended the common schools of the district in which they lived. After attaining his majority he learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at that business some four years. On April 4, 1889, he married Annie R. Copp, a daughter of D. L. and Sabrina (Brewster) Copp, of Shippen township, who has borne him two children, viz: Florence A., born June 21, 1892, and Mabel A., March 11, 1895, the latter deceased. After working on a farm in Shippen township for one year, he, in 1891, located on his father's farm, on Darling run. He was also engaged in manufacturing lumber with a portable mill for some time. In September, 1895, he purchased a half interest in a farm of 127 acres, located in the northeast corner of Shippen township, known as the R. W. Wheeler farm, which is a well-improved property. Mr. Darling lives upon and cultivates this farm. He and wife are members of Dexter Methodist Episcopal church, of Delmar township.

JAMES C. HAMILTON was born in Holtown township, Penobscot county, Maine, December 25, 1847, a son of George and Roxanna (Farewell) Hamilton, of the same county. In 1866 he went to Cameron county, Pennsylvania, where he worked until the spring of 1867 and then came to Tioga county and found employment with Perry Smith, at that time a resident of Gaines township, and quite an extensive lumberman. The subject of this sketch worked in Potter, Tioga and Lycoming counties for Mr. Smith up to his marriage, which occurred on January 1,

1870, to Susan N. Smith, a daughter of Perry and Louisa (Else) Smith. Five children were born to this marriage, viz: Sadie L., wife of Samuel Gee, of Shippen township; George F., Lydia, Alma and Joseph J. For several years Mr. Hamilton lived on Cedar run, near Leetonia, in Elk township, where he was employed in jobbing. In 1875-76 he was prospecting in Texas, and in 1877 came to Shippen township and purchased a farm on Marsh creek, near Ansonia, where the family has since resided. Mr. Hamilton has cleared and improved the property, by the erection of a residence and out-buildings. In 1884 he went to Oregon, leaving his family on the farm, with a view of settling in that state. He remained in Oregon three years and a half, working in the lumber woods most of the time, and became such an expert in driving oxen, which were the practical teams used, that he readily commanded large wages. Since 1888 he has devoted his attention to cultivating his farm during the summer seasons, and has lumbered in the winter time. In politics, he is a Republican, and has filled nearly every office in the township, being at present supervisor. He is a member of Westfield Lodge, No. 477, F. & A. M., of Westfield, and of Shippen Grange, No. 902, P. of H., of Ansonia, in both of which he takes an active interest.

WILLIAM G. MASON was born in Hamden, Delaware county, New York, April 30, 1828, a son of William and Nancy (Harrower) Mason, of the same county. His father was a farmer, and died the day after the birth of our subject, who lived with his mother until his majority. He then went to Colchester, Delaware county, where he married Charlotte Bradley, a daughter of Elijah and Catherine (Williams) Bradley, of the same county. Eight children were born to this union, as follows: Nancy, deceased; William, a resident of Cammal, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, who has charge of the track work on the Black Forest railroad; Catherine, deceased wife of Leander Griswold; Edwin H., of Shippen township; Ida S., deceased; Charles A., of Shippen township; Mary A., deceased, and Phoebe A., wife of Wilbur Butler, of Shippen. At an early age the subject of this sketch learned the carpenter's trade, which business he has followed a portion of his time. Before coming to Tioga county he was engaged in lumbering, taking the timber from the stump, through the different processes of manufacture, and converting it into dwellings. About 1848 he bought a farm in Colchester, containing a saw-mill, which he operated until 1854, when he sold the property and removed to Lindley, Steuben county. He purchased a farm and saw-mill in that county, which he conducted successfully up to 1877, in which year he sold out and settled in Shippen township, Tioga county, purchasing a farm on Marsh creek, near the mouth of Asaph run. He cleared and improved this property, but sold it in 1892 and removed to Wellsboro, purchasing five dwelling houses, and a small tract of land. He lived there up to March, 1896, when he rented his property in Wellsboro and returned to Shippen township. On September 30, 1861, Mr. Mason enlisted in Company F, First New York Light Artillery, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. He re-enlisted November 19, 1863, and was honorably discharged June 20, 1865, being mustered out of service at Elmira, New York. Mr. Mason is a member of George Cook Post, No. 315, G. A. R., also of Encampment, No. 105, U. V. L., of Wellsboro. Both he and wife are charter members of Shippen Grange, No. 902, P. of H., and are

also connected with Wellsboro Grange, by transfer. They are members of the Free Baptist church, and in politics, Mr. Mason is a Republican.

PETER W. BRADLEY was born in Colchester, Delaware county, New York, June 7, 1834, a son of Elijah and Catherine (Williams) Bradley, of that county. He assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-two years of age. In September, 1856, he married Maria Rowe, a daughter of Samuel and Emily (Scudder) Rowe, of Delaware county, New York, who bore him one child that died in infancy. Mrs. Bradley died in September, 1857, and on October 20, 1859, he married Calista M. Tilford, a daughter of Daniel Tilford, of Delaware county. Six children were born to this marriage, viz: Louisa M. and Charles S., both deceased; Augusta A., wife of Coleman Chaffee, of Pemberville, Ohio; Clarence B., of Shippen township; Mahlon H., deceased, and Florence E., wife of Daniel Douglass, of Shippen. Mrs. Bradley died November 9, 1877, and he was again married August 17, 1881, to Angeline Furman, a daughter of Coleman and Mary J. Furman, of Shippen township, who bore him one daughter, Bessie L., and died in November, 1889. About 1879 Mr. Bradley came to Tioga county and purchased a farm in Shippen township, on which Zura Baker now lives. Here he resided up to 1885, when he sold it and purchased sixty-three acres on the east side of Marsh creek, which he has since made his home, having cleared the land and erected substantial buildings. On September 10, 1863, Mr. Bradley enlisted in Company C, Ninety-seventh New York Volunteers, which belonged to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles of Bristoe Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, White Oak Swamp, and the assault on Petersburg, June 15 to 19, 1864. Here he was wounded by a minie-ball through the left foot and was sent to Lincoln Hospital, Washington, D. C., and finally discharged on July 9, 1865. In politics, a Republican, he has served as township supervisor. He is a member of Cook Post, No. 315, G. A. R., of Wellsboro, and also of Shippen Grange, No. 902, P. of H., of Ansonia.

ELBRIDGE J. BRADLEY was born in Colchester, New York, June 4, 1857, a son of Isaac and Phoebe (Ryant) Bradley, of Delaware county. When he was two years old his father died, and he then went to live with his uncle, Peter W. Bradley, of Colchester township, Delaware county, with whom he remained until he was eighteen years of age, in the meantime removing to Sullivan county, New York, about 1867, with the family. Leaving his uncle's home, he lived about a year in Colchester, and then went to Onondaga county, where he learned the carpenter's trade. He worked at that business in Onondaga and Delaware counties up to 1879, in which year he came to Delmar township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he continued working at his trade. On June 2, 1881, he married Helen Cady, a daughter of Porter and Catherine (Paddock) Cady, of Chatham township, who has borne him one son, Linn N. In 1882 he purchased a farm on Marsh creek, in Shippen township, one mile east of Ansonia, on which he settled soon after. He cleared and improved this property, and has since cultivated the farm, while at the same time he devotes considerable attention to his trade. In April, 1895, he leased and took charge of the hotel at Ansonia, owned by the Pennsylvania Joint Land and Lumber Company, of Williamsport, which he has conducted up to the present. Mr. Bradley is a

stanch Republican, and was elected township auditor in February, 1896. He is also a member of the P. O. S. of A.

BENJAMIN F. WHEELER was born in East Hamburg, now Orchard Park, Erie county, New York, July 2, 1834, a son of Joseph B. and Laura M. (Smith) Wheeler, of Hamburg township, Erie county. In the autumn of 1836 his parents removed to Seely Creek, New York, where they lived for six years, and then removed to Oregon Hill, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1850, after the death of his mother, on February 8, of that year, his father came to Delmar township, Tioga county, and purchased a farm near Stony Fork. He was a carpenter, and followed his trade in connection with farming. Benjamin F. was in his sixteenth year when they came to Delmar, and he made his home with Samuel Scranton, his brother-in-law, until 1853. In that year he went to Lynn county, Iowa, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until 1855 and then returned to Stony Fork, Tioga county, where he was married, January 11, 1856, to Lucy A. Warriner, a daughter of William L. and Naomi (Chase) Warriner, of Delmar township. Five children have been born to this marriage, viz: Willis F., of Washington; Martha A., wife of William Francis, of Morris, Tioga county; Metta E., wife of Walter S. Brooks, of Wellsboro; Eva M., wife of Frank L. Beauge, of Landrus, and Maggie E., who died in early youth. Mr. Wheeler bought a farm at Stony Fork, on which he lived until 1886, also working at the millwright's trade during this period. In 1886 he removed to Wellsboro, lived there up to 1891, and, after a three months' residence in Petersburg, Virginia, purchased a home on Marsh creek, in Shippen township, where he is now enjoying the fruits of his industry. In politics, a Republican, he has served as assessor, constable and collector. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are members of Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 61, I. O. G. T., of Marsh Creek, with which order they have been connected since 1887.

ELI BARTLE, a son of Jacob C. and Eunice (Bacon) Bartle, and grandson of Augustus Bartle, who settled in Delmar township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1841, was born in Brown township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1854. When he was two years old his parents located near Stony Fork, in Delmar township, where he grew to maturity. He obtained his education in the common schools and at Wellsboro Academy, and lived at home, assisting in the grist-mill and on the farm, until he was twenty-six years of age. He also learned the carpenter's trade, and about 1880 found employment in Hoytville, Morris township, where he worked two years. Returning to Delmar, he purchased a home in Stony Fork, and followed the carpenter's trade up to 1886, in which year he settled on his father's farm in Delmar and devoted his attention to agriculture. Two years later he purchased an improved farm of 100 acres in Shippen township, which has since been his home. Mr. Bartle was married September 14, 1881, to Clara A. Frost, a daughter of Ashabel and Adeline (Morseman) Frost, of Charleston township, and has two children, Charles L. and Edith C. Though Mr. Bartle devotes his principal attention to farming, he occasionally works at his trade, and also does wagon and sled repairing. In politics, he is a Republican, and is connected with the I. O. O. F. Lodge, of Stony Fork.

ALEXANDER EBERENZ was born in Baden, Germany, December 20, 1848, and is a son of Ferdinand Eberenz, now a resident of Delmar township, Tioga county,

a sketch of whom will be found in this work. He came to Tioga county with his mother in early childhood, and was reared in Delmar township, where he also attended the common schools. When about fifteen years of age he began working in Hezekiah Stowell's saw-mill, on Pine creek, where he found employment two years. At the age of eighteen he purchased fifty acres of timber land in Delmar township, and began clearing off the forest. He sold this property a few years later to Loron Nobles, and bought fifty acres in the same township, with thirty acres cleared, on which he erected good buildings. He also owned a farm of forty acres near Wellsboro, which he paid for out of his own earnings. By the sale of these two farms he was able to pay for the last purchase, including the improvements, on which he lived about eleven years. He worked at the carpenter's trade occasionally, but devoted his principal attention to farming. In 1889, after a tour through Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Delaware, he purchased a farm near the mouth of Asaph run, erected a house and other buildings and lived there up to the autumn of 1894, when he sold the property, but has since resided in the same neighborhood. For the past seven years he has been in the employ of Edwin Matson & Son, lumber manufacturers and dealers, as general utility man, looking after the camps, etc. On April 10, 1878, he married Alma Jane Campbell, a daughter of King Jerome and Charlotte (Peterson) Campbell, of Delmar township, who has borne him two children, viz: Hattie Jane, who died on July 30, 1895, and Ethel May. Mr. Eberenz is a member of Tyadaghton Lodge, No. 981, I. O. O. F., and of Asaph Tent, No. 183, K. O. T. M., of Shippen township. Politically, he is a staunch Republican.

CHENEY C. MAYNARD, a son of Orville A. and Emily (Gardner) Maynard, was born in Covington township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1860. When he was a child his parents removed to a farm near Canoe Camp, in Richmond township, where they resided a few years and then located near Mainesburg, in Sullivan township. Cheney C. attended the public schools in Richmond and Sullivan, and assisted his parents on the farm. His mother died when he was about fifteen years old, and he was then thrown upon his own resources and began working out as a farm hand. On January 1, 1882, he married Anna B. Webster, a daughter of Philander and Mary (Rockwell) Webster, of Sullivan township. Six children have been born to them, as follows: Hobart, Howard, Joseph, Julia, Damie and Homer, all of whom are living at home. In 1884 Mr. Maynard located upon his wife's farm in Sullivan township, which they sold two years later and purchased a farm at Mainesburg, upon which they lived until 1889. In that year they sold this property and bought 105 acres in Shippen township, on which they have since lived. Mr. Maynard has given his attention to farming and the handling of produce. In politics, he is a Republican, and with his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. at Mainesburg.

CHAPTER LXIII.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

TIAGA TOWNSHIP AND BOROUGH—LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AND LAWRENCEVILLE
BOROUGH—JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

RICHARD MITCHELL, one of the first settlers of Tioga county, was born in Orange county, New Jersey, July 5, 1769, and grew to manhood in his native place. About 1791 he and his brothers, Thomas and Robert Mitchell, removed to Southport, Chemung county, New York. A year later he and Thomas came up the Tioga river in a canoe and settled at what has since been known as Mitchell's Creek, in Tioga township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. On August 15, 1792, he married Ruby Keeney, who was born at Hartford, Connecticut, October 4, 1771. Their eldest child, Edsell, whom his descendants claim was the first white child born in this county, was born at Mitchell's Creek, August 27, 1793. They were also the parents of the following named children: Lovina, born August 26, 1795, who married John Incho; Nancy, born October 2, 1797, who died in youth; Thomas K., born August 5, 1799; Richard, born July 7, 1801, and William K., born December 4, 1810. Mr. Mitchell devoted his entire attention to farming, clearing and improving a place on the Tioga river, near the mouth of Mitchell's creek. Here he resided until his death, March 11, 1847. His wife died August 14, 1843. He was a man of strong, athletic build, a fine type of the sturdy pioneers who settled in the forests of Tioga county and by their energy and industry laid the foundations of its present prosperity. At the time of his settlement the country was a dense wilderness, with a few cabins near the junction of the Tioga and Cowanesque rivers, and perhaps one or two further up the latter stream; but he lived to see the county thickly settled and the forest gave way to well-improved farms and thriving towns.

THOMAS K. MITCHELL, second son of Richard and Ruby Mitchell, was born at Mitchell's Creek, Tioga county, August 5, 1799. He was reared upon the homestead farm and received such education as the pioneer subscription schools afforded. In 1826 he married Elizabeth Roe, a native of Delhi, Delaware county, New York, born August 15, 1809. To this union were born the following named children: Solon, who died unmarried December 2, 1848; Mary Ette, who married G. W. Shear-dow; Almira, who married E. T. Bentley; Rowena, who married Micajah De Labar; Ruby, who died December 28, 1854; Thomas B. S., who was killed by the cars at Tioga, December 2, 1893; Jefferson B., of Plainfield, Wisconsin; John I., president judge of Tioga county; Elizabeth J., wife of Leroy Gleason, of Canton, Bradford county; Emily A., wife of David Cameron, of Wellsboro, and Jane D., wife of B. B. Borden, of Plainfield, Wisconsin. Mr. Mitchell passed his whole life at Mitchell's Creek, engaged in farming, lumbering and merchandising. There he

erected in 1826, the year of his marriage, the first brick house built in Tioga county, and kept an inn in it for a number of years. He died August 28, 1861. His widow died at the home of her son, Thomas, February 15, 1887. In religion, the family are adherents of the Baptist church, and in politics, supporters of the Republican party.

ROBERT MITCHELL, a native of Vermont, was one of the early settlers of the Tioga valley. He was born July 18, 1779, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about the year 1796, settling at Mitchell's Creek, where his brothers, Richard and Thomas Mitchell, who came into the county in 1792, were then living. He took up and cleared a farm and made farming the occupation of his life. He married Abigail Ives, who bore him the following children: John, Thaddeus, Parmenia, Cynthia, who married Amasa Mudge; Lucy, who married Alonzo Phelps; Lavina, who married Jonathan Roe; Nancy, who married Seth Albee; Rosina, who married George Mitchell; Abby, who married William Butler; Matilda, who married Samuel Hartsock, and Ruth, the only one now living, who married Dr. Seely, of Addison, New York. Mr. Mitchell was a strong, athletic, vigorous man, and was noted for his superior ability as a wrestler. He was also industrious and hard-working, and did his share as a pioneer in clearing the wilderness in the midst of which he settled.

JOHN MITCHELL, eldest son of Robert Mitchell, was born at Mitchell's Creek, Tioga county, December 2, 1800, and there grew to maturity. He married Elizabeth Hartsock, who was born November 19, 1810, and bore him the following children: Albert, a resident of Millerton; Margaret, wife of M. K. Retan, of the same village; John, deceased; Thaddeus, also a resident of Millerton; George W., who lives in Jackson township; Austin and Maryette, both of whom are dead. Mr. Mitchell settled on Alder run, in Jackson township, about 1836, where he passed the remaining years of his life. He cleared a farm and operated a saw-mill at that point, and died March 18, 1870. His wife died on April 6, 1885.

ALBERT MITCHELL, eldest son of John Mitchell, and grandson of Robert Mitchell, was born at Mitchell's Creek, Tioga county, August 20, 1829, and was about seven years old when his parents removed to Jackson township. He was reared upon the homestead farm, and received the usual education of a farmer's son. On April 29, 1852, he married Mary Deming, a daughter of Samuel and Electa (Dickinson) Deming, early settlers of Jackson township. Five children were born to this marriage, viz: Clark R., deceased; Ross A., the present treasurer of the county; Mary E., wife of John Snyder; John S. and Bertha, both deceased. Mr. Mitchell and wife are now living in Millerton.

ROSS A. MITCHELL, treasurer of Tioga county, was born in Millerton, Jackson township, February 12, 1856, and is the oldest living child of Albert Mitchell. He was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. In early manhood he taught school four terms, later became a railroad employe, and was agent and operator for several years at Millerton and Covington. Mr. Mitchell was superintendent of the Covington Glass Works in 1894-95. In the fall of the latter year he was elected on the Republican ticket treasurer of Tioga county and is now filling that office. On March 17, 1880, he married Effie A. Hudson, a daughter of George W. and Eunice Hudson, of Jackson township, and has four children: Albert, Arthur,

Bernice and Eva. Mr. Mitchell is an excellent business man, careful, methodical and reliable, and is an efficient and capable official. He is one of the popular members of his party, and is also connected with Covington Lodge, No. 274, I O. O. F.

NATHAN NILES, SR., a descendant of Capt. John Niles, of Wales, who settled at Baintree, Massachusetts, in 1630, came to Pennsylvania from Hartford, Connecticut, and located in Tioga township, in September, 1796. This date is established by the fact that his fourth son, Augustus Niles, born February 6, 1792, was four years of age when the family settled. Mr. Niles' father was a physician, and also, at times, performed the duties of a local preacher of the Presbyterian church. For some years previous to and during the Revolutionary War, Mr. Niles was engaged in mercantile pursuits and owned several vessels in the coastwise trade. During the struggle for independence these were mostly captured by British cruisers, thus depriving him of the bulk of his fortune. In 1796 he invested the remnant in Connecticut titles to lands in Tioga county and removed hither with his family. The land settled upon by himself and family was the most southern of the "Bartholomew and Patton tracts, including the mouth of Mill creek." In 1797 he, with many others, claiming lands under Connecticut titles, were arrested on a charge of violating the Intrusion Law, taken to Williamsport, and there tried and acquitted. A full account of the trial will be found in a preceding chapter. He finally obtained a valid title to his land through the Pennsylvania Bank. Mr. Niles married Irene Russell in Connecticut, and their children were: Irene, who married Major William Rathbone; Nathan, Aaron, Erastus, Augustus, Rodney, Clarissa, who became the wife of John Beecher; Violetta, who married John Daily, and Temperance, who married Timothy Brace. Of the sons, Nathan, moved into Charleston township; Aaron and Erastus into Delmar, and Rodney into Rutland. Augustus remained on the homestead in Tioga township until his death. Mr. Niles was commissioned a justice of the peace for the township of Tioga, January 7, 1808, while it was yet under the jurisdiction of Lycoming county, and his name frequently occurs in the early records. He served as a county commissioner from September, 1808, to October, 1811, when he was succeeded by Samuel W. Morris. He was also collector of taxes for the year 1804 under the Lycoming county control of Tioga township. When Wellsboro was founded Mr. Niles became identified with the interests of the town. The residence of his sons in Delmar also tended to bring him into closer communion with the people of the county seat. It is regretted that the Bible record of his birth and death, as also that of his wife, was lost in the destruction by fire of the house of his grandson, A. E. Niles, in October, 1878. He died about 1837, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, which shows that he was born about 1753. He left as a legacy to his descendants an honored name and an unsullied reputation. He was familiarly known as "Squire Niles." He was not the man to seek notoriety; was plain and unobtrusive, conscientious, and well disposed towards his fellow-men. He left numerous descendants, all of whom were not only honored through life, but many of them attained to high distinction in professional, political and military station.

NATHAN NILES, JR., eldest son of Nathan Niles, Sr., was born in Hebron, Connecticut, in 1782, and came to Tioga township with his parents in 1796. In 1809 he married Ruth Gitchell, a sister of Elder and Benjamin Gitchell, and his chil-

dren were Col. Alanson E. Niles and Mrs. John F. Donaldson. Mr. Niles lived on his farm in Charleston, just outside the borough limits, but, as was the custom in those days, all those who lived near the lines were claimed as practically belonging to the borough. In January, 1813, he was appointed a county commissioner and served until the following October. He always took a deep interest in Wellsboro affairs, and when the Academy was incorporated in 1817, he was named as one of the trustees, and held the office until 1828, serving in the meantime as treasurer. As a citizen he was held in high esteem by the public, and was fully entitled to that best of all appellations, "a good man." He did not seek notoriety, being very much like his father, and never put himself forward. Though a man of good general information, of fair education, and capable of filling any office in the county with credit to himself and friends, he preferred the quiet of a farmer's life, rather than the perplexities of public office. So high was he regarded, that, "as honest as Nathan Niles" was as good a recommendation as any man could desire. He died March 3, 1830, in his forty-ninth year.

AARON NILES, the second son of Nathan Niles, Sr., was born in Hebron, Connecticut, June 27, 1784, and came with his parents to Tioga when it was comparatively a wilderness. He endured all the trials and sufferings incident to the lives of pioneers, and gave his full share of labor toward reclaiming the country from its wilderness condition. In June, 1807, he married Deborah Ives, a daughter of Cornelius Ives, of Tioga. About 1810 he purchased wild land in Delmar and cleared a farm, which he occupied for ten years. In 1820 he sold out and removed to Middlebury township, settling at what is now known as Niles Valley, where he cleared a valuable farm. Mr. Niles and wife had issue: Clarinda, born June 12, 1808; Philander, March 13, 1811; Erastus, April 17, 1814; Lucinda, August 28, 1816; Sylpha, August 29, 1818; Irena, August 28, 1820; Betsey, March 13, 1822, and Russell, August 20, 1826. The majority are now deceased. Mrs. Deborah Niles died in 1830, and March 4, 1833, he married Mrs. Betsey Kilbourne, born May 5, 1798. She was a daughter of Rufus Butler, who came from Vermont about the beginning of this century, and the widow of John Kilbourne. The issue of this marriage was one son, Jerome B., born September 25, 1834, who has attained distinction as a lawyer and politician, and a sketch of whose life will be found in the chapter on "The Bench and Bar." The last wife of Mr. Niles died at the homestead in Niles Valley, June 3, 1863, aged a little over sixty-five years. In 1865 Mr. Niles went to live with his youngest son, Hon. Jerome B. Niles, at whose home in Wellsboro he died, February 22, 1872, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. Like his honored father, he was a man of inflexible integrity and undaunted courage, and was widely known as an energetic, industrious and public-spirited citizen.

AUGUSTUS NILES, fourth son of Nathan Niles, Sr., was born in Hartford, Connecticut, February 6, 1792, and was between four and five years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He was reared a farmer, and spent his life on the old homestead in Tioga township, where he died October 27, 1841, in his fiftieth year. He married Anna Adams, a daughter of Capt. Lyman Adams, also an early settler of Tioga township. She died in December, 1886, in the eighty-ninth year of her age. Their children were as follows: Augustus E., a resident of Tioga township; Byron

B., a grain dealer of Topeka, Kansas, and Julia A., who married Whiting Miller, and died at the home of her brother, Augustus E., March 16, 1894.

AUGUSTUS E. NILES, eldest child of Augustus Niles, and grandson of Nathan Niles, Sr., was born on the homestead farm in Tioga township, March 26, 1819, and upon the death of his father took charge of the same. He has spent his entire life thereon, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits. On January 18, 1853, he married Belinda Bridgeman, and has two sons, viz: Augustus, a physician of Wellsboro, and Henry C. The latter was born on the home farm January 23, 1857; was educated in the common schools of his district; was married on November 16, 1892, to Nellie Cochran, a daughter of John and Ellen (Beam) Cochran, and has charge of the old homestead. In politics, Mr. Niles was originally a Whig, but has been a Republican since the organization of that party. He has filled the offices of collector and supervisor of the township, the latter for twenty-nine years. Mr. Niles is a member of Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F., and is one of the leading farmers of his native township.

URIAH SPENCER was a man of considerable note in early days. He first came into the Tioga valley in 1794, having purchased under the Connecticut title the township of Hamilton, now embraced within the boundaries of Lawrence and Tioga townships. He also bought the improvements of William Holden, and continued to sell his lands under the Connecticut title until the spring of 1797, when he and twenty-one other pioneers of the Tioga and Cowanesque valleys were arrested under the Intrusion Law and taken to Williamsport, where they were subsequently tried and acquitted. A few years later Mr. Spencer removed to the village of Tioga, where he opened the first blacksmith shop at that point, and afterwards operated a saw-mill. His first wife, who was Deborah Elliott, of Guilford, Connecticut, died in November, 1802, and was buried in the Lawrenceville cemetery. She left four children, two daughters and two sons. As early as 1804 he was married again, his second wife being Eleanor Boher. By her he had seven children, three sons and four daughters. On the establishment of the postoffice at Tioga, January 1, 1805, he was appointed postmaster, it being the first in the county. In 1810 he was elected a county commissioner; was prothonotary from 1818 to 1821, and again from 1824 to 1830. During his last two terms he also served as register and recorder. Through his influence his son-in-law, Levi Vail, was appointed county treasurer in 1827.

On account of his many years of public life he became one of the leading politicians of the county. In 1826 he was a candidate for Congress, and John Ryon, Jr., and Asa Mann were his conferees. The nominating convention met at Muncy, Lycoming being one of the counties composing the IXth Congressional district, but he failed to secure the nomination.

Mr. Spencer was also one of the committee chosen in 1826 to draft an address to the governor of New York in furtherance of a canal from the head of Seneca lake to the Pennsylvania line, to be continued thence by Pennsylvania authority to the coal mines at Blossburg. He and Judge Morris were chosen a committee to present the petition to the legislature of New York, and Mr. Spencer visited Albany for that purpose in the month of February, 1827. He was also one of the original incorporators of the Tioga Navigation Company. He was one of the most

influential citizens of the county up to about 1835, when he lost his property and his influence.

Notwithstanding his long residence in Wellsboro, Mr. Spencer had contracted a violent hatred of the town, and especially of some of its leading citizens. This dislike had its beginning in 1818, when, by reference to the history of the old Academy, it will be seen that he was refused the loan of \$500 by the trustees of that institution, because the security he offered was not considered good. He was one of the original trustees, but was not re-elected in 1818. This seems to have so incensed him that ever after he was a bitter enemy of the school. Later, in the attempt to remove the county seat to Tioga, he was a prominent actor in the movement. Mr. Spencer was a man of strong convictions. One who knew him well has left this analysis of his character:

He was no hypocrite. He had never studied the art of blarney, nor did he duly appreciate the true value of soft soap in managing men. What he thought he said. He was not an adept in the use of those soft words that turn away wrath. He was a man of a good deal of natural talent, though deficient in early education; was a Democrat of the strictest sect, and never strayed from the fold or went after other gods. He was a good hater and a warm friend; was never accused of dishonesty, or of altering his opinion when he had once expressed it.

In the closing years of his life his mind began to waver, and he dwelt much on his early land troubles, caused by purchasing Connecticut titles. His son, George, held a clerkship in the postoffice department at Washington, D. C., and while on a visit to his son's home in Georgetown, about 1850, he died, aged eighty years, and was buried there. His widow, Eleanor, removed to Mainesburg, and died some two years later.

NICHOLAS PRUTSMAN, SR., a native of Hamburg, Germany, immigrated to Pennsylvania towards the close of the Eighteenth century and located near Easton. He had quite a large family, and in 1802 came to Tioga county, and settled a short distance below the site of Tioga village. His three sons, Jacob, Adam and Nicholas, Jr., came in 1804, but the two last soon removed to New York state, leaving Jacob and their father in Tioga county. The latter erected a grist-mill, which he operated until it burned down. He died about 1810.

JACOB PRUTSMAN came to this county with his two brothers in 1804. He had previously learned the cabinet maker's trade, which he followed many years, and also owned and cultivated a farm. He married Mary Miller, who became the mother of fourteen children, viz: Polly, John, Abram, Elizabeth, Jacob, Andrew M., Adam, Sarah, Catherine, Susan, Eunice, Rachel, Mary and George, only one of whom is living, Adam, a resident of Illinois. Mrs. Prutsman died in 1847, aged seventy-one years, and her husband, in 1862, aged eighty-nine.

ANDREW M. PRUTSMAN was born in Tioga township, Tioga county, in 1807, fourth son of Jacob Prutsman. He was reared on the homestead, and in 1830 married Mary A. Bentley, a daughter of Benjamin Bentley. She was born in this county in 1809, and bore him six children, named as follows: Martha J., born December 17, 1831, and married Robert H. Brown, of Canisteo, New York, in 1859, who died in 1862; Christian M., who served as a lieutenant in the Union army in the Rebellion, and now resides in Nebraska; Mary A., wife of Edwin Spaulding, of Corning,

New York; Lindley H., who died while serving with the rank of lieutenant in the late war; Henrietta M., wife of John H. Pattison, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and Melville B., an engineer on the Fall Brook railroad, who resides at Newberry Junction, Lycoming county. Mr. Prutsman died in 1890, and his wife, in 1891, each at the age of eighty-two years.

CAPT. LYMAN ADAMS was born in Lenox, Massachusetts, April 12, 1775, and married Sophia Mantor, born April 21, 1782. In the spring of 1804 they came from Tinmouth, Rutland county, Vermont, to Tioga, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, arriving at their destination on July 4. They were accompanied by their three daughters, Anna, Susan and Sophia, and the following children were born to them in this county: Phoebe, Lucy, Maria, Lyman N., William, Julia, Jane, Hiram and Mary B. Anna became the wife of Augustus Niles; Susan married Lorain Lamb; Sophia remained unmarried; Phoebe married Amos Utley; Lucy married Sullivan Power; Maria married G. R. Lillibridge; Julia married Samuel Naglee; Jane married W. E. Crane, and Mary B., became the wife of Dr. A. J. Cole. The only survivors are Julia, Hiram and Mary B. After living a short time in Tioga, Mr. Adams removed to the mouth of Mill creek, where he kept a store and tavern during the War of 1812, and also followed farming. Subsequently removing to Wellsboro, he conducted a hotel there until 1827, when he returned to Tioga township and resumed agricultural pursuits. He was a stanch Democrat, served as collector of taxes in Tioga township in 1809-10, and also as constable for many years. Captain Adams died June 27, 1847, and his wife, July 1, 1868.

LYMAN N. ADAMS, son of Capt. Lyman Adams, was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, and grew to maturity in Tioga township. He engaged in the butchering business, which he followed during his residence in Tioga borough, where he located in the thirties. He married Caroline Mantor, who bore him a family of three children, viz: Frank H., of Tioga; Mary, wife of Jude Sweet, of Niles Valley, and Charles, deceased. Mr. Adams died November 18, 1880, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. His widow is still living in Tioga.

FRANK H. ADAMS, only living son of Lyman N. Adams, and grandson of Capt. Lyman Adams, was born in Tioga borough, Tioga county, April 19, 1842. He received a common school education and later began clerking in the store of Thomas L. Baldwin, whom he bought out in 1865 and has since conducted the business successfully. He carries a stock valued at \$10,000, and owns the building in which his store is located. Mr. Adams is one of the leading business men of Tioga, as well as a progressive, public-spirited citizen. September 26, 1868, he married Ellen M. Carpenter, a daughter of A. Carpenter, of Warsaw, New York, and has one son, Walter C. In politics, he is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Episcopal church. He is connected with Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M.; Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F., and Phoenix Lodge, No. 933, K. of H., in all of which he takes an active interest.

IRA McALLISTER was born in Chenango county, New York, November 24, 1789. When about eight years old he came with Ambrose Millard to Tioga, Pennsylvania, and in later years settled on the site of Tioga village. In January, 1824, he married Mary F. Hall, a daughter of Roland Hall. She was born November 9, 1788, and became the mother of three children, viz: Thomas and Eliza, twins, born

September 19, 1825, and R. P. H., who lives in Tioga. Mr. McAllister was a blacksmith and worked at his trade for a number of years. He died on March 29, 1854, and his wife, December 31, 1870.

R. P. H. McALLISTER, youngest child of Ira McAllister, was born in Tioga village, Tioga county, August 17, 1828. He received a common school education, and after arriving at manhood engaged in farming and lumbering. In 1871 he furnished the ties for the Fall Brook railroad. Upon the completion of the road he was appointed ticket and freight agent at Tioga village, a position he held twenty-three years, resigning July 1, 1894, because of ill health. Mr. McAllister was married September 5, 1853, to Phoebe C. Hall, a daughter of Benjamin R. and Deborah Hall. Six children were born to this union, viz: Mary, who died July 5, 1889; David C., a resident of Tioga; Bennie R., who died in youth, and three that died in infancy. In politics, Mr. McAllister is a Democrat, and has filled the offices of constable, justice of the peace, school director, collector and supervisor. In religion, he is a Universalist, and is also a member of Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F. He built and at one time owned every house in Tioga village, and still owns a number of them. He has made an honorable record as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen.

DAVID C. McALLISTER, postmaster of Tioga, is a native of that borough and a son of R. P. H. McAllister. He was reared and educated in Tioga, and in 1889 embarked in merchandising in Tioga village, as senior member of the firm of McAllister & Shay. In 1891 he bought his partner's interest and continued the business alone until 1893, when he sold out. On February 10, 1893, he was appointed postmaster of Tioga, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James T. Davis, which position he still holds. Mr. McAllister was married to Ruth H. Daily, a daughter of V. B. and Mary Daily, October 10, 1888, and has three children: Edna, Beatrice and Bennie. In politics, he is a Democrat, and served as township collector in 1890. Mr. McAllister is a member of Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F., and also of Lawrenceville Encampment. He is one of the respected and popular citizens of his native place.

OBADIAH INSCHO was born in Delaware, in 1758, and was a descendant of one of the pioneer families of that State. He came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, with his family, in 1798, and settled on the east side of the Tioga river, a short distance above the site of Lawrenceville. Here he cleared and improved a farm, upon which he died, May 9, 1820, aged sixty-two years, and was buried in the Bentley graveyard. His wife, whose maiden name was Judith Jennings, survived him until August 10, 1842. Their children were as follows: Polly, who married Dr. Simeon Power; John, Moses, Isaiah, Rachel, James, Thomas, Obadiah, Lavina M., who married John Kemp; Solomon, Ruth, who married Asa Lincoln, and Robert.

JOHN INSCHO, eldest son of Obadiah and Judith Inscho, was born November 1, 1789, and came with his parents to Lawrence township, Tioga county, in 1798. He was reared on the homestead farm, and married Lavina Mitchell, a daughter of Richard Mitchell, Sr. She was born at Mitchell's Creek August 26, 1795. After their marriage they settled in Tioga township, locating a little north of her father's place, at Mitchell's Creek. The following children were born to them: Richard J., Ruby K., wife of Alpheus Keeney; Obadiah, Judith J., wife of Rev. Samuel

Broakman; John J., William M., Thomas M. and Lavina M. Mr. Inscho died April 20, 1865, and his wife, November 11, 1861.

RICHARD J. INSCHO, eldest son of John and Lavina Inscho, was born on the homestead in Tioga township, there grew to manhood, and married Ruth P. Parshall, a daughter of Asa and Susan (Keeney) Parshall. For a number of years after his marriage he resided in Jackson township, then purchased the Prutsman farm, just north of Tioga borough, where he passed the remainder of his life. By his marriage to Ruth B. Parshall, he became the father of the following children: Susan K., wife of Seth Snell, of Woodstock, Maryland; Lavina M., deceased wife of Ira H. Ayres, of Jackson township; Asa, deceased; John L., of Tioga borough; Jesse P., of Elmira, New York; Albert, deceased; William W., of New Camp, Pennsylvania; R. Louisa, wife of T. F. Rolason, of Mansfield; Mary E., wife of Dr. J. W. Stewart, of Big Flats, New York, and Eva B., wife of Charles T. Rhodes, of Tioga. Mr. Inscho died January 20, 1875. His widow is a resident of Tioga.

JOHN L. INSCHO, eldest living son of Richard J. Inscho, was born in Jackson township, Tioga county, April 11, 1844, and was reared upon the homestead farm. He received a common school education, supplemented by a course at the Elmira Commercial College, from which he graduated in 1865. He remained on the farm until 1873, when he embarked in merchandising at Holiday. In 1875 he removed to Tioga and carried on a meat market and grocery there for several years. He is now a member of the firm of Alford & Inscho, coal dealers, and also of Inscho & Kimball, hardware merchants. Mr. Inscho was married February 13, 1868, to Mary E. Miller, a daughter of Cephas C. and Lucy D. (Kelley) Miller, and has had two children, Lena M. and Ida M., the latter of whom died June 17, 1882. Mrs. Inscho's father resides at Mill Creek, Tioga township; her mother died March 17, 1892, aged seventy years. The family are members of the Baptist church, and in politics, Mr. Inscho is a Prohibitionist, and stands high in the respect and esteem of the community in which he lives.

ALVAH C. BUSH was born in Bainbridge, New York, November 13, 1804, on the place originally located by his father and now owned by his youngest brother, Hon. Joseph Bush. His parents, Joseph and Betsey (Strong) Bush, were pioneers of Chenango county, New York, the first house in Bainbridge having been erected by his grandfather, Elnathan Bush. Alvah C. early displayed great energy and a decided preference for an active business career. At the age of twenty-two he embarked in merchandising and lumbering, and by enterprise, industry and the exercise of good judgment his ventures proved successful. Desirous of finding a more favorable field of operation, he spent the years of 1830 and 1831 in traveling over the West, and in the latter year located in Tioga, Pennsylvania. Here in partnership with his brother, Jabin S., he engaged in merchandising and lumbering on an extensive scale, and through his untiring energy became one of the leading business men of Tioga county. About 1872 he began operating in Wall street, New York, his ventures there also proving successful and adding to his reputation as an able and sagacious financier. During the last fourteen years of his life he and his wife spent their winters in New York City and their summers in Tioga. His Tioga residence was erected in 1841, and is one of the ideal homes of the county, as well as one of the landmarks of the borough. Mr. Bush was married in March,

1831, to Ellen Bigelow, a daughter of the late Hon. Levi Bigelow, and a native of Bainbridge, Chenango county, New York, who came to Tioga about 1850. During his lifetime Mr. Bigelow occupied a number of positions of trust and honor, among them that of judge of the circuit court. Mrs. Bush died December 3, 1831, leaving an infant daughter, now Mrs. John A. Mathews, of Winona, Minnesota. He married for his second wife her sister, Anna Bigelow, also a sister of Mrs. Frederick E. Smith, of Tioga. Mr. Bush was a Democrat, in politics, but never sought or held office, although he took a citizen's interest in public matters. He was foremost in every movement or enterprise calculated to promote the growth and prosperity of the borough. In 1873 he established Bush Park, on the hillside east of town, as a free pleasure resort for the public. He was known as a large-hearted, public-spirited man; thoroughly practical in all business matters; untiring in energy, and well informed upon everything relating to the commercial interests of the country. In his reading and studies he kept pace with the advanced thought of the day. Mr. Bush died on October 14, 1880, after an earnest and useful life of seventy-six years. His widow survived until August 11, 1895. She was a woman of culture and refined tastes, whose kindly acts, unostentatiously performed, gave her a high place in the esteem and regard of all within the circle of her acquaintance.

FREDERICK EMERSON SMITH was born at Amherst, Hampshire county, Massachusetts, November 15, 1822. His father was Samuel Smith, whose ancestors landed in this country, at the mouth of the Connecticut river, about 1635, and thence found their way upward and settled along upon its banks. His mother, Mary (Hastings) Smith, was a daughter of Thomas Hastings, a Revolutionary soldier, the fourth bearing that name in direct descent from Deacon Thomas Hastings, an emigrant from Ipswich, England, in the year 1634, and through him the family lineage runs back to a younger brother of Sir Henry Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon, a grandson of Lord William Hastings, a Yorkist Nobleman, born in 1430, the family being one of the extremely few in England that can trace their pedigree as far back as even the Fourteenth century. Hastings, one of the Cinque Ports, still shows the remains of its castle, where William the Conqueror lodged before the decisive battle of Hastings, October 14, 1066, in which he defeated the English under Harold and overthrew the Saxon dynasty. Mr. Smith removed with his parents during boyhood to Marion, New York, where he prepared for college at the Marion Collegiate Institute. In September, 1840, he entered the sophomore class in Union College, Schenectady, New York, and graduated with honors from that institution in July, 1844. When in college he was a Delta Phi, and was graduated with the honor of Phi Beta Kappa. In the same graduating class were James C. Duane, afterwards brigadier-general of the United States army, and chief engineer of the Army of the Potomac; Alexander H. Rice, ex-member of Congress and governor of Massachusetts for three terms, and Frederick Townsend, adjutant general of New York, and brigadier-general in the United States army. After graduation Mr. Smith was principal of Wolcott Academy, Wolcott, New York, for one year, and of the Academy at Clyde, New York, for the same length of time. Upon retiring from the principalship of the latter seat of learning, he commenced the study of law with Hon. Chauncey F. Clark, of Wolcott, New York. He removed to Tioga, Pennsylvania, in 1846, completing his law studies with Hon. John W. Guernsey, of Tioga, and

was admitted to the bar of Tioga county in 1849, to the supreme court of Pennsylvania in 1852, and to the United States courts in 1865. In 1849 he formed a co-partnership with Hon. Charles H. Seymour of Tioga, in the practice of law, which association continued until 1853. On June 14, 1853, Mr. Smith was married to Stella F. Bigelow, of Tioga, the youngest daughter of the late Judge Levi Bigelow.

In early life Mr. Smith was a Democrat, but became a Republican upon the organization of that party, of which he was one of the founders. He ever after took an active and prominent part in sustaining and defending the principles enunciated by the Republican party and always had the courage of his convictions. In 1856 he was elected a presidential elector on the Fremont ticket and served with distinction, doing all in his power for the success of that ticket. In 1860 he was elected a presidential elector on the Lincoln ticket. During the dark days of the Rebellion, when the glorious Union seemed destined to be torn asunder, Mr. Smith sustained the Union cause with a fidelity and courage only equaled by the brave soldiers at the front, whose friend he ever was, contributing freely of his time and money in defense of the flag. In 1865 he was appointed a United States commissioner, which office he held until his death. In 1867 he was appointed United States register in bankruptcy for the Eighteenth (now the Sixteenth) district, which office he held until the repeal of that law, serving with distinction and having before him many important cases from both his own and other districts in the State. On June 13, 1879, he formed a partnership with Horace and Samuel W. Pomeroy, of Troy, Pennsylvania, in the well known banking house of Pomeroy Brothers & F. E. Smith, at Blossburg, the firm continuing under the same name until July 8, 1895, when it was succeeded by the Miners National Bank of Blossburg. In December, 1883, when the banking house of B. C. Wickham & Company, of Tioga, failed, Mr. Smith was appointed one of the assignees. Considering the resources of that defunct house the affairs were executed in a manner that reflected much credit on his business ability. Mr. Smith was a prominent Mason, being first a member of Painted Post Lodge, No. 117, and afterwards one of the organizers of the present Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M., of Tioga, chartered October 16, 1866. He was also a thirty-second degree member of the Supreme Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Corning Consistory, of Corning, New York; a member of Wellsboro Lodge, I. O. O. F., and a charter member and first Noble Grand of Adelpic Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Tioga, organized October 8, 1847. He was also one of the trustees of Union College, his alma mater, and always took a deep interest in the cause of education.

Mr. Smith was an able lawyer, at the bar or in the office, well grounded in the principles of law, and had few superiors in northern Pennsylvania as an orator or public speaker. He possessed in a high degree the necessary qualifications of the wise counsellor, successful lawyer and safe financier. Conscientious, just and equitable in all his dealings, and endowed with fine legal and literary attainments, he won a well-deserved reputation at the bar. He took much pleasure in collecting rare and valuable books and had one of the best literary and law libraries in the State. Possessing an upright and honorable nature, he required and demanded the same standard of honor from others. The young sought him for advice, and he was ever ready to assist them and point out for their guidance the higher and nobler

aims of life. His public spirit, liberality and charity were always up to the fullest measure, and he was ever ready to give his support to every undertaking that had for its object the up-building of Tioga or the welfare and prosperity of its citizens. He was a polished, genial and courteous gentleman, a loving husband, a kind father and faithful friend. Mr. Smith died at his beautiful home in Tioga, on October 8, 1889, after an illness of but a few days. His widow and three sons survive him. Alvah Lee Smith is president of the Miners National Bank, of Blossburg; Frederick Bigelow Smith is an attorney at Tioga, and a representative in the state legislature, and Dr. William Clive Smith, a physician at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

ALVAH LEE SMITH, president of the Miners National Bank of Blossburg, is the eldest son of Frederick Emerson Smith, and was born at Tioga, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1855. He was educated in the schools of his native town, and in 1871 entered the State Normal School at Mansfield, remaining there two years, when he went to New York City to enter the preparatory schools for Columbia College. In 1876 he commenced the study of law in his father's office, but instead of seeking admission to the bar he decided to pursue a business career. On June 13, 1879, he entered the banking house of Pomeroy Brothers & F. E. Smith, at Blossburg, as book-keeper, and in September of the same year was appointed cashier and general manager of that institution. In July, 1895, he re-organized the business and established the Miners National Bank, which succeeded the old firm, of which he became cashier. The duties of this responsible position he discharged for seventeen years with such ability and fidelity as to gain for him a well-earned reputation as a capable and conservative financier, careful alike of the interests of the institution under his charge and of its patrons and depositors. On January 12, 1897, he was elected president of the bank, as the successor of S. W. Pomeroy, deceased. Socially, Mr. Smith is a gentleman of culture, of easy manners and approachable by anyone. He is much interested in art, and his fine apartments over the bank are filled with rare works of vertu, such as costly etchings, oil paintings, statuettes, India ink engravings, costly rugs, vases and bric-a-brac. He is a director in the Miners National Bank, and a member of the City Club of Elmira, and the Knickerbocker Yacht Club, of New York. He is also resident agent of many of the leading life and fire insurance companies. In politics, Mr. Smith is an ardent Republican, and in religion, a member of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church, of Tioga. In March, 1897, he was appointed a member of the board of trustees of the Cottage State Hospital at Blossburg—an appropriate recognition of his prominence in the community.

FREDERICK BIGELOW SMITH, attorney-at-law, was born at Tioga, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1863, and is the second son of Frederick Emerson Smith. He was educated in the High School of Tioga, and entered the Kinne and Cascidilla preparatory schools at Ithaca, New York, in 1879, and Cornell University, in September, 1881. After a course at Cornell he began the study of law in his father's office; entered the law department of Columbia College, New York City, in 1886, and graduated therefrom in 1888, with the degree of A. B. He was admitted to the bar of Tioga county in 1888, and to the supreme court of Pennsylvania in 1893. For nearly a year after his graduation he was employed in the recorder's office at Wellsboro indexing the records of that office, having been appointed by the court

to do that work. In October, 1889, he began the practice of his profession at Tioga, and is now recognized as one of the rising young lawyers of the county, having many important estates in his hands for settlement. Mr. Smith possesses high literary attainments, and takes a great interest in the welfare and business prosperity of his town, of which he has been secretary for a number of years. He is a member of Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M., and of Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, K. T., of Wellsboro. He is a director in the Miners National Bank of Blossburg, and local agent at Tioga of the leading fire and life insurance companies. He is also a member of the City Club of Elmira, and City Club, of Corning, New York. In religion, he is a member of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church of Tioga, and a vestryman in that body. Politically a steadfast Republican, he takes an active interest in promoting the success of his party. Mr. Smith was nominated for the legislature in the spring of 1896 and was elected in November following by the usual party majority.

WILLIAM CLIVE SMITH, M. D., third and youngest son of Frederick Emerson Smith, was born at Tioga, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1868. He attended the High School of his native town, and in 1886 entered Exeter Academy, at Exeter, New Hampshire, and remained there for two years. In October, 1888, he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and spent two years at that institution. In 1890 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1893 with the title of M. D. After graduation he became resident physician of the City Hospital at Pittston, remaining there four months, at the end of which period he became resident physician of the City Hospital at Wilkes-Barre, which position he filled one year, leaving there to become resident physician of the Nursery and Childs Hospital, in New York City, devoted entirely to children under four years of age and having over 400 beds. In November, 1895, Dr. Smith located at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, but still retains his old liking for Tioga and his native county. Dr. Smith has been very successful in his profession, has had a large hospital experience in surgical cases and children's diseases, and is a rising young physician. He is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society, and the Westmoreland and Country Clubs, of Wilkes-Barre; also of Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M., and of the Psi Upsilon fraternity of the University of Michigan and University of Pennsylvania, and the Psi Upsilon Club of New York.

ROBERT BRUCE SMITH, physician and surgeon, son of Russell N. and Caroline (Sessions) Smith, was born at Marathon, Cortland county, New York, August 23, 1840. His paternal ancestry was of Holland-Dutch descent. There is a tradition in the family that its ancestors in this country accompanied Henry Hudson on his famous voyage of discovery, in 1609, and that two brothers, Nicholas and Jacob Smith, returned to the New World a few years later and established homes on the Hudson river, in the vicinity of Albany, then Fort Orange. There is in possession of the family a large iron-bound chest which tradition relates accompanied Hudson on the voyage of the Half Moon. This story is doubtless a myth, but the chest is certainly of extreme age and probably was brought from Europe at an early date. It is a matter of conjecture whether the ancestors of the Smith family were Dutch or English, but a long residence among the Dutch settlers of the Hudson river

imbued the family with Dutch customs, manners and traditions. The first authenticated record of this line of the Smith family, is that Jacob Smith was living in Albany county, New York, in the middle of the last century, and that he died there about the year 1794. Among other ancient and curious papers found in the old chest, was a bond and deed executed to Jacob Smith, bearing date 1767, to which was affixed the royal seal of King George III, of England. Jacob Smith had four sons, viz: Nicholas, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who was born at Albany, New York, in 1768; Hendrick, born at the same place in 1773, and two others who were carried off by the Indians and kept in captivity seven years before being restored to their parents. In 1795 Nicholas and Hendrick, accompanied by their mother, removed to Upper Lisle, Broome county, New York, where Nicholas became the owner of a large amount of land and a prosperous sheep grower. Here he continued to reside until his death, in 1852.

Russell N. Smith, the second child of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Cornell) Smith, was born in Lisle, Broome county, New York, in 1813. He was an extensive land owner, and was noted for his honesty, industry and thrift. He married Caroline Sessions, a descendant of Samuel Sessions, a native of Wantage, England, and a member of the King's Body Guard. Samuel came to America in 1630, with Gov. Thomas Dudley, as farmer of his estate, and settled in Massachusetts. The ancestry can be traced in an unbroken chain to Caroline Sessions, who was born in Union, Tolland county, Connecticut, February 20, 1815. She married Russell N. Smith, at Marathon, about 1837, and became the mother of three children, viz: Charles, who died in infancy; Robert Bruce, a physician of Tioga, Pennsylvania, and Elbert Burke, of Lexington, Nebraska. Russell N. Smith died in Cortland county, New York, March 7, 1881. His wife, Caroline, died October 25, 1888.

The subject of this sketch spent his early years on his father's farm in Cortland county, New York. His primary education was acquired at the district schools of the neighborhood, and he later attended Oxford Academy, Oxford, New York, in which institution he graduated at the age of sixteen. He then began to teach in the schools of his native county, and at the age of nineteen entered the sophomore class of Union College in Schenectady, remaining there until the close of the junior year, in 1861. The war spirit was strongly felt at Union College, which contained about one hundred Southern students, who left in a body at the first outbreak of hostilities. The majority of the Northern students and some of the professors enlisted in the Union service. Among the former was Robert B. Smith, who abandoned his studies and enlisted as a lieutenant in the Sixteenth New York Independent Battery, which command at once proceeded to the front. The Sixteenth Battery was attached to the Eighteenth Army Corps, and served in the Armies of the Potomac and the James. For good service Lieutenant Smith was transferred by order of General Butler to the command of Battery F, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, which command he filled until the expiration of his term of three years' service. He then returned to his home and began the study of medicine under Dr. S. H. French, of Lisle, New York. In 1866 he graduated at Long Island College Hospital, with the degree of M. D., and immediately afterwards married Ellen A., a daughter of William Vrooman Share, of Lisle, New York.

Mrs. Smith is descended from one of the oldest Dutch families in the United

States. Prior to 1670 three brothers by the name of Vrooman came to this country from Holland, one of whom, Hendrick Meese Vrooman, settled at Schenectady, New York, in 1677. The family has figured prominently in the Colonial history of New York state. At the Schenectady Massacre, on the night of February 9, 1690, two of the family were killed and three carried captives to Canada. The fifth in descent from the original settler was William Vrooman Share, born May 29, 1816; he married Lucetta Dunbar Hine, February 7, 1838, and died on January 29, 1861. Their only daughter, Ellen A. Share, was born at Lafayette, New York, April 13, 1840, and was married to Dr. Robert Bruce Smith, August 2, 1866.

Dr. Smith removed to Tioga, Pennsylvania, the year of his marriage, and purchased property on Broad street, which continues as the family residence up to the present. Dr. Smith has three children, viz: Winifred, born August 12, 1868, who graduated from Elmira College in the class of 1891, was preceptress of the Wellsboro High School for two years, and has also taken a post-graduate course at Yale College; Charles Russell, born September 20, 1870, who graduated from Union College, Schenectady, New York, in the class of 1894, and is now pursuing a course in medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, and George Vrooman, born May 10, 1874, who was also a member of the class of 1894 at Union College, and is now a law student at Yale. George V. has a decided talent for archaeological research, and possesses one of the most interesting and valuable individual collections of Indian relics in this section of Pennsylvania. On coming to Tioga Dr. Smith entered immediately upon the practice of his profession, which he has pursued with marked success for the past thirty years, being now the senior practicing physician in Tioga borough. In 1883 Union College conferred upon him the degree of M. A. Aside from his prominence and success as a physician, Dr. Smith is also recognized as one of the foremost citizens of Tioga county. He is a staunch Democrat, unswerving in his adherence to the principles of his party, and a man of wide influence in the community. In 1878 he was the Democratic nominee for Congress in this district, and proved himself an able and effective campaigner. The Republican majority of the district was, however, too large for him to overcome, and his opponent was elected. Dr. Smith has established a fair reputation as a public speaker, having spoken on many prominent occasions, particularly during commemorative exercises of days and events connected with the Rebellion. He is recognized as an authority on expert medical testimony, and his long experience as a physician and surgeon has made his presence of great value in consultation. He is one of the consulting surgeons of the Cottage State Hospital, at Blossburg, and was president of the board of pension examiners of Tioga county about three years. He has been burgess of Tioga for two terms, and has repeatedly served as councilman and school director of the borough. As president of the board of health, he has been efficient in promoting the excellent sanitary condition of the town. Dr. Smith is a member of Etz Post, No. 401, G. A. R., and is also Master of Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M. He has been closely identified with the growth of Tioga, and on all occasions contributed liberally towards the social and material development of the community.

WILLIAM LOWELL, a son of Daniel A. and Mary Lowell, was born October 21, 1804, and obtained a common school education. His father was a hatter and he

also learned that trade. Early in the thirties his parents, his brother Martin and himself, and Thomas and Herbert Hollis, came from Bainbridge, New York, to the village of Tioga, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. They were all hatters, and erected for their business place the main building now occupied by Paul Kraiss' furniture store. On February 7, 1832, Mr. Lowell married Rebecca Preston. She was born May 21, 1810, and became the mother of four children, viz: Orlando B., David A., May A. and William A., all of whom are dead. Mr. Lowell worked as a hatter until he purchased the old Goodrich Hotel, which he carried on for a number of years. Shortly before his death, which occurred April 3, 1848, he sold out and retired. He was appointed postmaster of Tioga in 1846 and held the office until 1848. His wife died June 7, 1852.

ORLANDO B. LOWELL, eldest son of William and Rebecca Lowell, was born in Tioga, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1832. He was educated in the common schools and in the Wellsboro Academy, and subsequently clerked in a store at Elmira, New York, four years. He then embarked in the mercantile business in Tioga with Charles O. Etz, the firm being Etz & Lowell, in which he remained two years, and then entered the employ of T. L. Baldwin & Company, for whom he clerked five years. About 1866 Mr. Lowell bought the interest of H. F. Wells in the tannery of Johnston & Wells, of Tioga, and also became interested in several other tanneries in the county. The firm in Tioga became Johnston & Lowell, and afterwards Lowell & Company. Finally the New York partner failed, carrying down the business with him. After retiring from the tannery business Mr. Lowell devoted his attention to the cultivation of his 600-acre farm situated a mile north of Tioga borough, and known as the old Jacob Prutsman farm. While paying due attention to diversified crops, he devoted himself principally to the raising of tobacco and the breeding of Hambletonian horses. He was a thorough business man and brought business principles to bear upon every detail of his farm work. Possessing untiring energy, a clear, well-balanced mind, and good executive ability, he usually succeeded in whatever he undertook, and was regarded as one of the best farmers in Tioga county. Mr. Lowell was twice married. His first wife was Laura Schieffelin, a daughter of Jacob Schieffelin. She died September 18, 1866. On November 18, 1869, he married Mrs. Sarah M. Etz, widow of Lieut. Charles O. Etz, of Company D, Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, who was killed by a shell at the battle of Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862. Etz Post, No. 401, G. A. R., of Tioga, was named in his honor. Mrs. Lowell is a daughter of Samuel B. and Amelia (Green) Wellington, and was born in West Moriah, Essex county, New York, December 6, 1834. She came with her parents to Tioga in 1845, and was married to Charles O. Etz, November 18, 1852. She was postmistress of Tioga from 1863 to 1868. By her marriage to Mr. Lowell was born one daughter, Laura, a graduate of Elmira College. In politics, Mr. Lowell was an ardent Republican, was a member of the borough council of Tioga five years, and burgess from 1874 to 1876. He also served as a school director. He died June 19, 1896, of Bright's disease, and his death was sincerely mourned by the people of the community wherein his whole life had been passed.

H. E. SMITH was born in Sidney, Delaware county, New York, November 4, 1811. His father, Samuel Smith, was a native of Bennington, Vermont, and as a

boy witnessed the battle of Bennington, fought during the Revolution. Samuel married Lucy Greenslit, and during the closing years of the last century removed to Sidney, New York, where he spent the remainder of his life. H. E. was reared in Sidney, and when a young man went to Oneonta to learn the boot and shoe trade, remaining there until his removal to Tioga, Pennsylvania, in February, 1839. Upon his arrival in that borough, he embarked in the boot and shoe business, which he carried on in his own name until 1854, when the firm became H. E. Smith & Son, his son, Henry N., taking an interest in the business. In 1856 the latter removed to Buffalo, and September 29, 1859, his brother, C. E., became a member of the firm, the title remaining the same up to the present. Mr. Smith was married January 6, 1831, to Lucy M. Mantor, a daughter of Thomas and Mehitable Mantor. She was born November 25, 1813. This venerable couple, who recently celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary, are the parents of four children, viz: Maria L., widow of Dr. H. H. Borden; Henry N., a resident of New York City; C. E., and Julia E., wife of C. J. Wheeler, of Wellsboro. In politics, Mr. Smith is a Republican. He was a member of the first borough council, and also served in that body from 1862 to 1865, and again in 1873. He has also served as a justice of the peace and township treasurer, and has been prominent in every undertaking calculated to forward the welfare and prosperity of the borough.

C. E. SMITH was born in Oneonta, Otsego county, New York, June 14, 1836, a son of H. E. and Lucy M. Smith, and grandson of Samuel Smith. After acquiring a common school education, he took a course in Alfred University, Alfred Center, New York. The years of 1857 and 1858 he spent principally in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and in traveling over what was then considered the far west. In 1859 he returned to Tioga, and on September 29, of that year, entered into partnership with his father in the boot and shoe business, in which he has since continued. The firm suffered by the fire of 1871, but notwithstanding their heavy loss at that time, have since carried on the business with success. Mr. Smith was married August 24, 1859, to Mary Thorne Miller, a daughter of Abram and Julia Miller, of Southport, New York. Their only child, Harry G., married Lena Phelps, and resides in Tioga. In politics, Mr. Smith is a Republican, has been a member of the borough council several terms, and is one of the leading citizens of Tioga.

REUBEN DAGGETT was a native of Westmoreland county, New Hampshire, and removed to Paris, Oneida county, New York, whence he came to Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1807. Here, with the assistance of his sons, Rufus, Reuben and Seth, he erected a mill, at the point since known as Daggett's Mills, where he spent the remaining years of his life.

SETH DAGGETT, a son of Reuben Daggett, was born in Westmoreland county, New Hampshire, July 3, 1790, and was seventeen years old when his father settled in this county. He assisted him in operating the mill and became one of the prominent citizens of the county, filling the office of sheriff one term. He built several saw-mills in various localities, and in 1842 came to Tioga borough and purchased the Willard property, and also three farms. He married Eunice Allen, of Barnstable, Massachusetts, who bore him the following children: Allen, who died in Lawrenceville, in March, 1886; George, who died in 1850; Lewis, a resident of Tioga; Clymena, deceased wife of Richard Stilwell; Minerva, widow of Daniel

Dewey; Rowena, wife of W. T. Urell, of Tioga; Mary Ann, widow of H. W. Caulking, and Charlotte, deceased. Mr. Daggett died January 2, 1874, and his wife, March 22, 1864.

LEWIS DAGGETT, son of Seth Daggett, and grandson of Reuben Daggett, was born in Jackson township, Tioga county, May 5, 1816. He received a common school education and began his business life as a lumberman and farmer. In 1838 he opened a general store at Daggett's Mills, and later built a saw-mill. In 1848 he came to Tioga, subsequently removing to Chatham township, where he remained eighteen months. Returning to Tioga, he was engaged in merchandising for a number of years. In 1870 he removed to Lawrenceville, where he ran the Daggett House for a number of years, and was then succeeded by his son, W. L. In 1890 Mr. Daggett returned to Tioga, where he has since resided. On March 4, 1839, he married Ellen S. Wells, a daughter of Norman and Elizabeth Wells. Of seven children born to this union, three are living, as follows: Seth O., of Tioga; W. L., of Bellefonte, and Myrtie, wife of F. W. Fletcher, of Newberry, Lycoming county. Mrs. Daggett was born January 30, 1821, and died on June 22, 1894. In politics, he is a Republican, and in religion, a Universalist. He was appointed postmaster of Tioga in 1851, by President Fillmore, and in 1861 by President Lincoln.

SETH O. DAGGETT was born at Daggett's Mills, September 14, 1845, and is the oldest living child of Lewis Daggett. He obtained his education in the common schools and at Mansfield State Normal School, and before he was sixteen years old began clerking for Sly & Alford, of Tioga. In 1862 he bought out the business, continued it four years, and then engaged in lumbering on Pine creek, which he followed one year. He next went west and spent some time in Chicago, Cincinnati and other places. In 1870 he engaged in the hotel business with his father in Lawrenceville, remaining there until 1880, when he came to Tioga and conducted the Park Hotel for a year and a half. He next ran the Kiple House, of Honesdale; then the Ryant House, of Horseheads, New York, two years; the Wilcox House, of Wellsboro, five years; the Seymour House, of Blossburg, a year, and the Stinson House, of Athens, one year. On July 1, 1890, he became proprietor of the Park Hotel, of Tioga, which he conducted till May, 1896. Mr. Daggett was married June 9, 1878, to Ella Boynton, who bore him two children, Georgia A. and Leah M. His wife died October 2, 1885; he was again married on October 19, 1893, to Katie Hymes, who has borne him one child, Aldean M. In politics, Mr. Daggett is a Republican, and is also a member of Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M.

DR. JACOB SCHIEFFELIN was born in New York City, April 20, 1793. His father, Jacob Schieffelin, was born in Philadelphia, August 24, 1757, and his grandfather in Germany, February 4, 1732. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood in his native city. When but seventeen years of age he was an ensign in the militia, at twenty a captain and at twenty-one a colonel. After a thorough preparatory education, he began the study of medicine in 1810 with Dr. Onderdonk, afterward Protestant Episcopal bishop of Pennsylvania, and attended three courses of lectures at Columbia College, from which institution he graduated in 1822. He at once became a partner with his brother, H. H. Schieffelin, in the

wholesale drug house of H. H. Schieffelin & Company, of New York. During the next five years he spent his summers in New York and his winters in Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, New Orleans and Havana, acquiring in the meantime a fair knowledge of the Spanish language. He was in command of the militia regiment in New York City that received Lafayette in 1824, and at the reception which followed he was presented to that distinguished visitor. In 1824 he went to Mexico and opened a branch store. While there he made the acquaintance of Santa Anna, then a lieutenant in the Mexican cavalry, but afterwards the celebrated commander-in-chief of the Mexican army. In 1828, having previously purchased large bodies of land in Tioga and Lycoming counties, Pennsylvania, he removed to Tioga county and located on Hill's creek, in Charleston township. In 1830 he erected a saw-mill and the following year a large frame dwelling. He later disposed of his land and in 1845 removed to Tioga borough, where he passed the remaining years of his life, dying December 27, 1880, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. Dr. Schieffelin married Elizabeth Black and reared the following named children: Clinton, who died in Los Angeles, California; Alfred, a resident of Charleston township; Elizabeth, a resident of Tioga; Laura, who married the late O. B. Lowell, of Tioga, and died in Elmira, September 18, 1866; Cornelia, who lives in Los Angeles, California; Edward G., a resident of Wellsboro and superintendent of the Stokesdale tannery; Jacob, a retired merchant of Tioga, and Mrs. Hannah Lyon, who lives in Illinois. Mrs. Schieffelin died in 1881, aged eighty-four years.

JACOB SCHIEFFELIN, youngest son of Dr. Jacob Schieffelin, was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, April 18, 1838, and removed with his parents to Tioga in 1845, where he grew to manhood. In 1866 he was one of the contractors who drilled the oil well on the Abiel Sly land, on Bear creek. In 1867 he established in Tioga a hardware and tinsmithing business, which he carried on with marked success until January, 1895, when he sold out to William Kimball and retired from active business. Mr. Schieffelin was married February 1, 1865, to Ella Ryon, a daughter of Charles and Susanna Gertrude (White) Ryon, and has three children, viz: Lila G., Edward E. and Jacob. Mrs. Schieffelin died in 1894, aged fifty-two years. In politics, Mr. Schieffelin is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Presbyterian church. Since arriving at manhood he has been regarded as one of the most enterprising citizens of Tioga, and every worthy project has found in him an earnest and liberal supporter. He stands high in the esteem of his fellow-citizens, as a man of sterling integrity and upright character.

W. T. URELL was born at Rath-na-leen, County Tipperary, Ireland, in May, 1832. He immigrated to the United States and settled in Tioga, Pennsylvania, in 1848, where he found employment in the store of Lewis Daggett. He afterwards served as deputy postmaster under C. G. Dennison during the presidency of Taylor and Pierce, and in 1857 was appointed postmaster by President Buchanan, a position he held until 1861. He was also postmaster during President Cleveland's first term, resigning at that time the office of justice of the peace, which he had filled for several terms. In 1857 Mr. Urell embarked in business, confining himself to groceries, provisions, books and notions, and has to his credit a continuous and successful business career of nearly forty years. He owes his success in life to persistent and persevering industry, strict honesty, and sterling integrity, which

have won for him the respect and confidence of the community in which he has lived for nearly half a century. Mr. Urell united with the Presbyterian church about 1860. He married Rowena Daggett, a daughter of Maj. Seth Daggett, to which union have been born five children, all natives of Tioga, viz: Robert Emmett, born June 4, 1851; Charles Allen, October 16, 1852; Mary Lottie, November 4, 1864; Tom Moore, May 3, 1857, and Richard Daggett, June 19, 1859. Robert E. married Eva Squire, only child of Aaron Squire, June 21, 1893. Mary L. married H. L. Baldwin, a lawyer of Tioga, June 26, 1884, and has two daughters, Marguerite and Dorothy. Tom M. married Maud Babcock, a daughter of F. G. and Frances L. Babcock, of Tioga, October 12, 1893. Richard D. remained at home until 1887 and then took charge of the Brooklyn Hotel, which he has since purchased and still conducts. He married Emma VanGorder, who has borne him two children, Nona, deceased, and Walter. With the exception of a few years the three elder sons have been and are the efficient assistants of their father in the mercantile business. The whole family have been life-long Democrats and have taken an active interest in promoting the success of the principles and measures of that party. Robert E., especially, has been prominent in local politics. He believes in free trade and advocates the single tax theory on land values as the only means to insure and preserve the equal rights of all men to a fair share of the land. He was the Democratic county chairman in 1890, and his party's nominee for state senator in the Twenty-fifth district in 1892. Though unable to overcome the large Republican majority he made a vigorous and creditable canvass.

STEPHEN C. ALFORD was born in Connecticut, in 1817, and removed with his parents to Bainbridge, New York, at an early age. About 1831 he came to Tioga, Pennsylvania, and began clerking for A. C. Bush, with whom he remained several years. In 1855 he embarked in merchandising in partnership with Abiel Sly, and the firm of Sly & Alford continued in business for seven years. Mr. Alford married Ruth Lindsey, a daughter of David B. Lindsey. She was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, in 1824, and is still living. She became the mother of two children: James, who died in 1862, and H. S., of Tioga. Mr. Alford died in January, 1871, after a residence in Tioga of some forty years.

H. S. ALFORD, only living child of Stephen C. and Ruth Alford, was born in Tioga, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1855. He received a good English education, and subsequently found employment with the Erie Railroad Company, serving as assistant telegraph operator under J. Dillistin, whom he succeeded in 1883, as ticket and freight agent of the Erie Company in Tioga, a position he still holds. He is also a member of the firm of Alford & Inscho, coal dealers. Mr. Alford was married September 30, 1880, to Mary E. Doane, a daughter of Jesse B. Doane, and has one daughter, Bessie. In politics, Mr. Alford is a Republican, and is also connected with Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M.; Phoenix Lodge, No. 933, K. of H., and Tioga Tent, No. 176, K. O. T. M. In the discharge of the duties of his position, Mr. Alford has proven not only loyal to the interests of the railroad company, but has made himself deservedly popular with the traveling public by his uniform kindness and courtesy.

JONAS GALUSHA PUTNAM was born in New York state, in 1810. In early life he was a millwright and built several of the first mills erected in northeastern

New York. In 1849 he came to Tioga, Pennsylvania, where he continued to follow the same business up to 1886, when he retired from active labor. He was married in Essex county, New York, to Sophia Havens, who became the mother of three children, as follows: George Stevenson and Mrs. R. S. Hickok, both residents of Buffalo, and John H., a lawyer of Tioga. Mr. Putnam died in 1893, and his wife, in 1886, in the seventy-second year of her age.

PHILO TULLER, druggist, was born in Butler, Wayne county, New York, October 26, 1827, a son of Worden and Elizabeth (Olmstead) Tuller. His father settled in Wayne county at an early day, but afterwards removed to Hastings county, Ontario, Canada, where he passed the remainder of his life. Philo received a common school education and at the age of eighteen began learning the cabinet-making trade in Lyons, Wayne county, New York. In 1851 he came to Tioga, where he carried on the cabinet-making business until 1860. From 1862 until after the war, Mr. Tuller was employed by the government in the construction department. He then returned to Tioga and embarked in the drug business, which he has carried on successfully for the past thirty years. On December 14, 1850, he married Harriet Mack. In politics, Mr. Tuller is a Republican; was one of the signers of the petition asking for the corporation of Tioga borough; served in the council in 1866, 1871 and 1872; was a justice of the peace from 1867 to 1870; postmaster of Tioga from 1868 to 1885, and was elected burgess in February, 1897. During a residence of nearly half a century in Tioga, Mr. Tuller has been identified with every movement for the upbuilding of the community. To a successful and honorable business career, he has added the reputation of a public-spirited citizen. In his business he has kept pace with the times, and has a well-stocked store, especially attractive in its interior arrangement.

JOSEPH SMEAD was born in Massachusetts, in 1759, and removed to Swanzey, New Hampshire, at an early day, where he followed the blacksmith's trade. He was an ardent patriot and served with honor in the Continental army during the Revolution. He was twice married. His first wife, Sarah Lyman, bore him one daughter, Sallie, who died in youth. His second wife, was Mrs. Sarah Wetherell, nee Brown, widow of Ebenezer Wetherell. She became the mother of three children, as follows: Persis Lyman, who died in 1840; Joseph B., a retired machinist of Massachusetts, and Ephraim A., of Tioga. Mr. Smead died in 1834, and his wife in 1858.

EPHRAIM A. SMEAD, youngest child of Joseph and Sarah Smead, was born in Swanzey, New Hampshire, February 1, 1822, and there obtained a common school education. When seventeen years old he went to Boston and learned the tinner's trade, at which he worked until 1852, when he came to Tioga county and bought some land. Soon afterwards he secured a patent for making square pans, the right to use which he sold in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other cities. In 1862 he came to Tioga borough and embarked in the hardware business, which he has successfully continued up to the present, and erected his present store building on Wellsboro street in 1873. On September 28, 1846, Mr. Smead married Susan Knight, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Knight. She was born in New Hampshire, November 6, 1826. In politics, Mr. Smead is a Republican. He was one of the signers of the petition asking for the incorporation of Tioga; served in the

council from 1877 to 1881; was elected burgess in 1882, 1892, 1893 and 1894, and was borough treasurer from 1884 to 1887, and again in 1889. He is a member of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church, of Tioga, and also of Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M., and Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F. Mr. Smead is one of the leading citizens and substantial business men of Tioga.

ELI S. FARR was born and reared at Windham, Vermont, and there married Mary Putnam. Four children were born to this union, as follows: W. O., a book-keeper in Seattle, Washington; Abram, superintendent of the Middlebury tannery, and a resident of Niles Valley; C. B., of Williamsport, and Leroy, a resident of Tioga. About 1854 Mr. Farr and family came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located at the old railway station below Tioga borough, where Mr. Farr operated a saw-mill and carried on a grocery store for a short time. He then moved back to Vermont, where he stayed a year or two. About 1857 or 1858 he returned to Tioga county, and after a short stay in Tioga borough, located in Wellsboro, and conducted a hotel on the site of the present Coles House. About 1859 he removed to the site now occupied by the Wilcox House, where he kept hotel for several years. In 1863 he returned to Tioga borough, and took charge of the Goodrich Hotel. He retired from active business in 1880, and died October 8, 1890, aged seventy-six years. His widow is living in Tioga borough.

C. B. FARR, a son of Eli S. Farr, was born in Windham, Vermont, February 22, 1846, and was about nine years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He attended the common schools of Wellsboro and Tioga. He later clerked for A. P. Cone, on Pine creek, and next became a clerk for Reddington, Maxwell & Leonard, of Troy, Bradford county. In 1868 he took an interest in the mercantile business with T. A. Wickham, which then became Wickham & Farr. He remained in this firm until 1878, when he became interested with O. B. Lowell in the Tioga and Middlebury tanneries, which partnership was dissolved in 1884 and the business discontinued. Mr. Farr then embarked in the lumber business on Pine creek, under the firm name of C. B. Farr & Company. In May, 1893, the firm sold out to the Union Tanning Company, and he later removed to Williamsport, where he is engaged with that company. Mr. Farr was married December 13, 1870, to Ella A. Wellington, a daughter of Samuel B. and Amelia Wellington, and has two children, Lowell W. and Quincy W. The family is connected with the Protestant Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. Farr is a Republican, and was prominent in the local councils of his party. He served in the borough council in 1869, and from 1878 to 1883; also as burgess of Tioga from 1887 to 1891. He has also filled the office of school director, and is a man of commendable enterprise and public spirit.

N. R. SHAPPEE was born near Horseheads, Chemung county, New York, November 24, 1833, a son of Abner K. and Polly (Brooks) Shappee. His parents resided in Chemung county until their death. They reared a family of seven children, as follows: David, a resident of Alpine, New York; Abner, who died in Nebraska in 1893; Thomas, a resident of Elmira, who died in 1895; Knapp, of the same city, who died in 1896; Nathan R., of Tioga; Mariett, deceased wife of Louis Larrison, of Horseheads, and Rebecca, wife of Burton Stanley, of Tioga. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, and came to Tioga

in early manhood, where he followed the occupation of teaming for many years. By industry and prudence he has accumulated a valuable property. On May 17, 1852, Mr. Shappee married Julia Schoch, a daughter of Frederick and Rosina Schoch, who has borne him four children: Rosa, wife of F. C. Prutsman, of Elmira; Mollie, who died in infancy; Anna, who died March 17, 1892, and Frederick W., a stenographer of Tioga. During the Civil War Mr. Shappee served as a corporal in Company H, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and for a part of the time was quartermaster sergeant. In politics, a Republican, he has served in the council from 1890 to 1896, and also filled the office of street commissioner for three years. He is a member of Etz Post, No. 401, G. A. R., also of the E. A. U., and in religion, is an adherent of the Presbyterian church.

FREDERICK W. SHAPPEE, only son of N. R. Shappee, was born in Tioga, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1872, and was educated in the Tioga graded school and at Miller's Business College, Elmira, New York. He clerked for G. G. Saxton for three years and in November, 1893, accepted a clerkship in the law office of F. B. Smith, of Tioga, Pennsylvania, where he has since been with the exception of about six months, when he was with the wholesale grocery house of C. R. Maltby & Brother, of Corning, New York. In June, 1895, he married Ann Wilkin, daughter of Daniel Wilkin, of Morris Run, Pennsylvania, who has borne him one daughter. Mr. Shappee is a Republican, and was elected auditor of Tioga borough in 1892, which office he filled for three years, and at the expiration of his term was elected a justice of the peace in February, 1895, which position he still holds. He is a charter member of Smead Hose Company, No. 1; also a member of Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M., of Tioga. He is very fond of athletic sports and was a member of the Smead Running Team which gained an enviable reputation as sprinters in Tioga county in the summer of 1894. During the spare moments he finds time to pursue the study of law and gives promise of attaining a creditable place in the ranks of that profession.

JOHN J. DAVIS was born in Millbrook, Pembrokeshire, Wales, in 1837, and immigrated to the United States when ten years of age. He became a door-tender in the coal mines at Hyde Park, Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, and worked in the mines until eighteen years of age. He was then made a foreman, and later explored and put down a number of shafts for the company. He subsequently came to Blossburg, Tioga county, and was employed by the old salt company and its successor, the Morris Run Coal Company, in exploring and developing the mines at Morris Run. Mr. Davis opened up the East and Salt Lake drifts. He advocated and adopted the T rail for mine tramways, and was the first to introduce mules in the mines. He resigned in December, 1874, upon which occasion he was presented with a gold watch inscribed as follows: "Presented to John J. Davis, by workmen of Morris Run, Pennsylvania, as a token of their esteem, December, 1874." In 1876 he was appointed superintendent of mines at Arnot, by the Blossburg Coal Company, a position he held until the fall of 1880. While filling it Mr. Davis explored and re-opened the lower drift, experimented with the coal, and demonstrated its adaptability for coking purposes. In the fall of 1880 he resigned and removed to Mansfield to educate his children. In 1882 Mr. Davis was employed as superintendent of construction of the Tioga Coke and Coal Washing Plant, at Tioga, by

the Fall Brook Coal Company, and upon the resignation of Hon. Simon B. Elliott, he became superintendent of the plant. He died while holding this position, January 21, 1891, after an illness of three months. He was succeeded by his son, James T., who held the position until July 1, 1894, when the plant closed down because of its inability to meet ruinous competition. Mr. Davis married Mary V. James, who was born in Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, in 1837, and is now a resident of Tioga borough. Seven children were born to this union, viz: Alfred J., shipping agent at Philadelphia, of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad Company; Rowland W., clerk in the office of the Fall Brook Coal Company, at Fall Brook; James T., of Tioga; Anna M., who died in September, 1885; Mary G., John J., a resident of Philadelphia, and Franchot R. In politics, Mr. Davis was a Republican, and cast his first vote in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln. In religion, a Baptist, he organized the Union Sunday-school at Morris Run, and was active in church and social affairs.

JAMES T. DAVIS was born at Morris Run, Tioga county, February 19, 1865, a son of John J. Davis. He was educated in the common schools and at the Mansfield State Normal, and read medicine with Dr. H. H. Borden, of Tioga. In the autumn of 1886 he entered the Medical Department of the University of New York, and in 1887 became a student at Columbia College. Ill health compelled him to abandon his studies and forego a professional career. Returning home he clerked for his father, and February 10, 1890, was appointed postmaster of Tioga, which office he resigned February 10, 1893. In January, 1891, he succeeded his father as superintendent of the Tioga Coke and Coal Washing Plant, which position he filled until the business was abandoned. On July 1, 1894, he succeeded R. P. H. McAllister as local ticket and freight agent of the Fall Brook Railroad Company, at Tioga, which office he still holds. In politics, a Republican, he has filled the offices of constable, school director, collector and township clerk. He is a member of Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M., and is one of the most popular men in the community.

S. P. HAKES, physician and surgeon, was born in Parish, Oswego county, New York, June 2, 1861, a son of Richard and Minerva (Mack) Hakes. He is one of nine children, named as follows: Montrose, a resident of Parish; Lucius A., of Syracuse; Harriet J., wife of Frank Jones, of Utica; Marie H., wife of Charles Aldrich, of Parish; Rollin, deceased; Catherine, wife of John Crim, of Parish; Nettie, deceased; S. P., and Ella, wife of John Dennis, also a resident of Parish. The subject of this sketch was reared on his father's farm, and after pursuing a course of study at Mexico, New York, he came to Tioga, Pennsylvania, and entered the drug store of Philo Tuller, where he clerked three years. He then began reading medicine under Dr. Robert B. Smith, of Tioga, and later became a student in the Medical Department of the University of New York, from which institution he graduated in the spring of 1888. Returning to Tioga he at once began the practice of his profession, which he has continued up to the present. Dr. Hakes was married April 2, 1891, to May Cole, a daughter of A. C. Cole, of Hammond, Tioga county, to which union has been born one son, Howard. In politics, Dr. Hakes is a Republican, and is also a member of Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M., and of Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F. He is the local medical

examiner of the Equitable, New York Life, Prudential, Mutual Benefit, Odd Fellows, and other insurance companies and associations, and is also a member of the board of pension examiners of Tioga county. Dr. Hakes has built up a large and lucrative practice by close attention to his professional duties and persistent industry. His success is a merited recognition of his personal integrity and professional honor. He is progressive in his ideas, and keeps himself fully abreast of the improvements in medical science.

WILLIAM KIMBALL, son of Dayton C. and Mary (Dunham) Kimball, was born in Catlin, Chemung county, New York, April 18, 1848. He was reared on a farm, and when fifteen years of age ran away from home and enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-first New York Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. Returning home he engaged in farming and lumbering. On January 1, 1869, he married Sarah Dunham, a daughter of Wright Dunham, deceased, of Bradford county, to which union have been born the following children: Jesse, Grace, Harry and Frank. From 1881 to 1893, in addition to his lumber interests, Mr. Kimball also kept a general store at Mitchell's Creek. In the early part of January, 1895, he purchased the hardware and tinsmithing business of Jacob Schieffelin, in Tioga, which he carried on in connection with lumbering, until January, 1897, when John L. Inscho purchased an interest in the business, and the firm became Inscho & Kimball. Mr. Kimball is an ardent Republican, and has filled the office of county commissioner and also that of road supervisor. January 1, 1897, he was appointed superintendent of the county almshouse and farm, which position he still holds. He is a member of Tioga Lodge, No. 373, F. & A. M.; Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F., and Etz Post, No. 401, G. A. R., in all of which he takes an active interest.

WILBUR BROWN was born in Tioga township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1829, a son of Joseph and Eva Brown. His father, a native of Connecticut, came to this county at an early day, where he followed farming and lumbering. His mother died when Wilbur was a child, and his father remarried, and died in 1849, aged seventy-two years. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and throughout his earlier years followed farming and lumbering. He served in Company H, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and took part in the battles of Fort Steadman, Port Royal, Spottsylvania and Petersburg. In 1866 he located in Farmington township, on a farm which he still owns, remaining there until 1892. In that year he removed to Tioga village, where he owns a residence and a small tract of land, and is living retired from the active duties of life. Mr. Brown was married August 17, 1849, to Lucy Sharp, a daughter of Philip and Catherine Sharp, and a native of Campbell Town, Steuben county, New York. Her ancestors came from France and settled on the Delaware river, and later became pioneers of Steuben county. Her father died in 1849, aged seventy-five years, and her mother, in 1873, at the age of eighty-eight. Mrs. Brown is the mother of four children, viz: Della, wife of Thomas Spencer, of Farmington; Frances C., who died at the age of thirty-five; Reuben T., of Tioga township, and George, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, he is a Republican, and is also a member of Etz Post, No. 401, G. A. R.

WALTER C. ADAMS was born in Tioga, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1868, a son of

Frank H. and Ellen M. (Carpenter) Adams. He was educated in the common schools and Selwyn Hall Military School, Reading, Pennsylvania. He learned telegraphy and worked in the office of the Fall Brook Railroad Company at Tioga, four years, and later for some time in Buffalo, New York, in the Western Union Telegraph office. He then clerked in his father's store in Tioga for two years. In June, 1894, he engaged in the meat market and grocery business in the Park Hotel block, Tioga, continuing until June, 1895. Since July, 1895, he has been employed in the passenger service of the Fall Brook Railway Company, and now resides in Wellsboro. Mr. Adams was married September 18, 1886, to Nettie Van Gorder, a daughter of George and Derinda VanGorder, and has one child, Dorothy. In politics, he is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Protestant Episcopal church.

DANIEL L. NOBLES, son of Loron and Jane C. (Russell) Nobles, of Delmar township, Tioga county, was born in Delmar, November 16, 1850, and is the fifth in a family of seven children. He received a common school education, was reared upon the homestead, and after arriving at manhood followed lumbering about ten years. He next kept the Guide Board House, on the Wellsboro road, in Delmar township, for four years. In 1890 he came to Tioga borough and embarked in the livery business, which he still carries on. Mr. Nobles was married April 22, 1872, to Emma J. English, a daughter of William and Mary Ann English, and has had two children, William H. and Charles Wesley, the latter of whom died at two years of age. Mrs. Nobles' father died February 4, 1890, and her mother, May 26, 1870. She is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and with her husband has been connected with Keystone Lodge, No. 105, Order of the World. He is a member of Tioga Tent, K. O. T. M., and in politics, a Republican.

THOMAS GRAVES was born near Covington, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, a son of Josiah and Polly Graves, pioneers of that locality. He there grew to manhood, and for a number of years afterwards conducted a hotel in Covington, keeping at different times the Covington and Mansion Hotels. He married Samantha Howe, who bore him the following children: Esther M., wife of Edward Doane, of Mansfield; Harry T., editor of the *Millerton Advocate*; Frederick L., editor of the *Tioga Argus*; Fannie, wife of W. J. Keeney, of Southport, New York, and Walter A., a resident of Seely Creek, in the same State. Mr. Graves is still living, at the ripe age of seventy-seven years.

FREDERICK L. GRAVES, editor of the *Tioga Argus*, was born in Covington, Tioga county, April 8, 1852, second son of Thomas Graves. He received a common school education, and in October, 1870, began learning the printing trade in the office of the *Blossburg Register*, then conducted by his brother, Harry T. He later acquired an interest in the paper, the firm becoming Graves Brothers. In the spring of 1875 he sold his interest to I. R. Doud, and continued in the office as an employee. In 1878 he became Doud's partner, and two years afterwards they sold the plant to John L. Sexton, Mr. Graves continuing to work in the office. From 1882 to 1884 he published the *Elkland Journal* and then worked at his trade in Mansfield for a time. He next became interested in the *Blossburg Register*, as a partner of S. N. Havens, and subsequently with C. H. Ely. He afterwards worked in Mansfield, remaining in that place until July 22, 1892, when he came

to Tioga and established the *Argus*, which he has since edited and published. Mr. Graves was married January 29, 1879, to Maggie Lanane, who died December 10, 1893, leaving a family of six children, viz: M. Flora, Fred L., Lulu E., Raymond J., Max V. and T. Walter. In politics, Mr. Graves is a Democrat. He is a member of Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F., and of Tioga Tent, No. 176, K. O. T. M.

JEPHTHA HUGHES was born in Danville, Pennsylvania, where his father, Thomas Hughes, settled before the Revolution. On March 26, 1816, he purchased of John Harrold, a tract of land in Lycoming county, on which he laid out the village of Hughesburg, now the borough of Hughesville. He sold out his interests in July, 1820, to Daniel Harrold, and removed to Tioga county, locating finally at Beecher's Island, where he remained until April 12, 1838, when he settled at Mitchell's Creek, in Tioga township. Here he passed the remainder of his life. While a resident of Lycoming county, Mr. Hughes married Betsey Hill, to which union were born eight children, three in Lycoming and five in Tioga county, as follows: Rachel, who married Charles Button; Sallie, wife of James Dewey; Frederick, a resident of Tioga township; Polly, widow of John VanWey; Betsey, who married Charles Gray; Rebecca, who married David Cunningham; George, a resident of Jackson township, and Catherine, who lives with her brother George.

FREDERICK HUGHES, oldest son of Jephtha Hughes, was born in Hughesville, Lycoming county, November 13, 1820, and came with his parents to Mitchell's Creek in 1838. He remained with his parents on the homestead farm until he was twenty-three years old, and thus assisted to rear and support his younger brothers and sisters. He then worked out by the day for one year, and by prudence and economy saved enough from his earnings to give him a start in life. He bought 130 acres of the Bingham estate, near the head of Mitchell's creek, containing some improvements. With this as a beginning, he farmed in summer and followed lumbering in winter, investing his earnings in land. By the exercise of good judgment he eventually acquired 1,600 acres lying along Mitchell's creek, thus becoming one of the largest land owners and leading farmers in Tioga county. On June 17, 1847, Mr. Hughes married Harriet VanWey, a daughter of Henry and Betsey VanWey, who bore him the following children: Henrietta, Benjamin, who died March 9, 1896; Betsey, wife of George Meeker; Phoebe, wife of Alonzo Gage; George A., of Tioga township; Frank, a resident of Lawrence township; Sim, Charles, John, Hattie, who died in childhood; Frederick, a resident of Denver, Colorado, and William K. Mr. Hughes has divided his land among his children, giving to each a liberal amount of his large estate, retaining for himself only 100 acres surrounding the family home at Mitchell's Creek. In politics, he is an ardent Democrat, and takes a deep interest in public affairs. He is recognized as one of the leading and public-spirited citizens of the township, of which he has been a resident for nearly sixty years.

GEORGE A. HUGHES, oldest living son of Frederick Hughes, was born in Tioga township, Tioga county, June 28, 1853. He was reared on the homestead farm and remained with his parents until his twenty-second year. In 1875 he rented a farm from his father, which he cultivated up to 1887, and then purchased the old Peter Guernsey farm of 103 acres, on the Tioga river, one mile south of the borough of Tioga, upon which he still lives. Mr. Hughes was married October

7, 1890, to Ruby Smith, a daughter of Garrett and Abigail Smith, and has three children: George, Thomas and Alfred. Mrs. Hughes' parents are residents of Jackson township. In politics, Mr. Hughes is a Democrat, and is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Tioga.

C. F. MILLER was born in Big Flats, Chemung county, New York, July 12, 1825, a son of John S. and Ruth (Larison) Miller. His father was a native of New Jersey, and his mother of Connecticut. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Horace D. and J. Foster, both deceased; Maria, wife of Austin Reeder, of Big Flats; Enoch Ward, deceased; C. F., of Tioga township; Deborah, a resident of Elmira; John A., deceased; Orpha, and Hester, wife of John Campbell, of Chemung county. Mr. Miller was reared on a farm, and when thirteen years old began to earn his own living, working out as a farm hand. In the fall of 1844 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located on the Major Bentley farm, in Tioga township, purchasing 100 acres of it, to which he added 200 acres more in 1883. Mr. Miller was married in 1847, to Mary D. Lawrence, a daughter of Minard and Clarissa (Mix) Lawrence, which union has been blessed by five children, viz: Charles L., of Wellsboro; Frank S., a resident of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Waldo W., a resident of Wellsboro; Simeon P., who lives at home, and Thomas M., who died in childhood. Mr. Miller has one of the finest and best improved farms in the township, and the family residence is a substantial and handsome structure, built with a view to making it a cheerful, homelike abode. In politics, Mr. Miller is an ardent Republican, and a prominent member of his party in Tioga county. He served as one of the county commissioners from 1862 to 1865, when he was elected county treasurer and filled that office one term. He has also served as supervisor, assessor and school director in his township. He is a member of Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F. In religion, the family are Presbyterians, and liberal supporters of the church. Mr. Miller is not only a successful and progressive farmer, but is recognized as a popular and public-spirited citizen, who gives his support to every worthy project.

MICHAEL HICKEY was born in Middle Swanzy, Cheshire county New Hampshire, May 25, 1850, and is the only child of Charles and Mary (Hogan) Hickey. His parents were natives of County Clare, Ireland, and immigrated to New Hampshire in 1844. In 1850 they removed to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Tioga township, where his father found employment with Joseph Aiken. His mother died in December, 1851, and his father was again married to Ellen McNamara. Michael was reared in Tioga township, and in early manhood began work on the railroads, which he has pursued in connection with farming up to the present. He has been section boss for the Erie company at Mitchell's Creek for twenty-nine years, and is one of the oldest and most faithful employes of the company. In 1877 he purchased sixty acres of land half a mile east of Mitchell's Creek, to which he has added at different times until he now owns a well-improved farm of 320 acres, which is managed for him by his oldest son, Charles D. Mr. Hickey was married December 19, 1869, to Mary McCarty, of Caton, Steuben county, New York. Seven children have blessed this union, named as follows: Charles D., Michael, James, Mary C., Anna, Margaret and Theresa. The family are members of the Catholic church, and in politics, staunch adherents of the Democratic party.

Mr. Hickey's father makes his home with him. Although a man who has had to make his way in the world by hard work, Mr. Hickey has found time by liberal reading to keep well abreast of the progress of the age, and is one of the intelligent and well informed citizens of the township.

C. W. LOVELESS was born in Saratoga county, New York, and there married Leafy Graham, a native of the same county. In 1854 they came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled on Mill creek, in Tioga township, a mile above the present home of his son, C. O. Here he followed lumbering until 1884, when he sold out to his son, C. O., and went to South Dakota, where he died March 22, 1894, aged sixty-five years. His widow makes her home with her children in Tioga county. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Loveless: C. O., of Tioga township; William and Frank, residents of Potter county, South Dakota; Fannie, wife of Frank Woodward, of Wysox, Bradford county, and Leafy, wife of William Archer, of Tioga township.

C. O. LOVELESS was born in Saratoga county, New York, December 7, 1850, and was in his fourth year when his parents, C. W. and Leafy Loveless, came to Tioga county. He was reared on the homestead in Tioga township, attended the district schools in boyhood, and has made farming and lumbering his life vocation. In 1884 he bought out his father, and now owns a well improved property of 413 acres, a part of which is timber land. On December 20, 1871, Mr. Loveless married Harriet VanNess, a daughter of Peter V. and Celia VanNess, who has borne him five children, viz: Harry, Edith, Fred, Mark and Ella. Mrs. Loveless' parents are residents of Mansfield. In politics, Mr. Loveless is a Republican, and has served as supervisor and school director. Both he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Tioga, and he is also connected with Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F. Mr. Loveless is a successful farmer, and a man of integrity, enterprise and public spirit.

JEREMIAH MILLER was born in Claverick, New York, December 19, 1783, and married Sally Campbell, May 17, 1808. She was a native of Nobletown, New York, born January 16, 1787, and was of Scotch ancestry, while her husband was of German descent. Mr. Miller was an early settler of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until 1854, in which year he moved to Tioga county and settled on Mann hill, in Lawrence township. He died in Illinois, October 1, 1859, while on a visit to relatives. His wife died in Tioga, October 3, 1862.

CEPHAS C. MILLER was born in Smithfield, Bradford county, August 17, 1817, a son of Jeremiah Miller, and removed to Lawrence township, Tioga county, in 1854. He remained in that township nine years, and then located in Tioga borough. In 1874 he returned to Lawrence, remaining there until December, 1880, when he settled on the farm on Mill creek, in Tioga township, now owned by his son, Charles L., where he has since lived. Mr. Miller was married December 20, 1846, to Lucia D. Kelley, a daughter of Lewis and Matilda Kelley, of Bradford county, and has four children, viz: Mary, wife of John L. Inscho, of Tioga; Flora, wife of Arthur Tilden, of Waverly, New York; Charles L., of Tioga township, and Katie, wife of George Castle, of Elmira.

CHARLES L. MILLER, only son of Cephas C. Miller, and grandson of Jeremiah Miller, was born in Lawrence township, Tioga county, March 10, 1856. He ob-

tained a common school education and was reared a farmer. On March 25, 1885, he married Mary T. Kimball, a daughter of Dayton C. Kimball, of Mitchell's Creek, and has two children, Harry Ray and Flora May. In politics, Mr. Miller is a Republican, and in religion the whole family are members of the Baptist church. He has served as township auditor for three years, and is an enterprising and progressive citizen.

JACOB H. WESTBROOK, son of Solomon and Elizabeth Westbrook, was born in Middlebury township, Tioga county, October 1, 1832. He was reared on his father's farm, and received a common school education. On October 12, 1859, he married Mary Angie Dutton, a daughter of Dean and Sallie (Stevens) Dutton. She was born on the farm where they now reside, October 12, 1841. Her parents were natives of Vermont and early settlers of Tioga township. Her father died April 27, 1871, aged sixty-two years, and her mother in November, 1883, aged eighty years. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook, as follows: Elroy, a resident of Olean, New York; Walter, who lives in Elmira, and Anna, wife of George L. Strait, of Mansfield. In politics, Mr. Westbrook is a Republican. He is one of the successful farmers of the county, and is the owner of a well-improved farm of nearly 300 acres.

JOHN G. KENTCH was born in Meissen, Saxony, Germany, there grew to manhood and married Sophia Stanoel, to which union were born the following children: Morris S., Pauline, Julius, a resident of Silver Bow, Montana; Otto, a resident of Blossburg; Hulda, wife of Frederick Coster, of New York; Mary, wife of Joseph Poggendorf, of Tioga township; Francis and Thomas, both deceased, and John G., a resident of Tioga township. The oldest son, Morris S., came to Tioga, Pennsylvania, in 1850, and in 1854 his father and other members of the family followed. Mr. Kentch died September 28, 1854, a few days after his arrival in Tioga, aged sixty-four years. His wife died in November, 1887, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven.

MORRIS S. KENTCH, oldest son of John G. Kentch, was born in Meissen, Saxony, Germany, June 24, 1827, grew to manhood in his native land, and in March, 1850, married Caroline Matte. They immigrated the same year to Pennsylvania, and settled in Tioga township, Tioga county, where four children were born to them, viz: Oakley, a resident of Farmington; Amanda, wife of Edward Sticklin, of Wellsboro; James, a resident of the same place, and Ellen, wife of Frederick Sticklin, of Fall Brook. Mrs. Kentch died on November 7, 1874, and October 7, 1876, he married Laura Clarke, a daughter of Septimus Clarke, of Chatham township. She died September 11, 1880, aged thirty-six years. He was again married November 19, 1884, to Mary Hussey, a native of England and a daughter of William and Elizabeth Hussey. She was born January 20, 1832, and died March 5, 1897. Mr. Kentch enlisted October 16, 1861, in Company D, Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the Peninsular Campaign, the battle of Fair Oaks, and the Seven Days' Fight before Richmond, in all of which he proved himself a brave and patriotic soldier. While on duty at Hampton Roads as brigade butcher, he met with an accident which resulted in crushing and permanently crippling his right leg. He also received a gunshot wound in the right index finger, necessitating its amputation. His brother Thomas served in Company K, of the same regiment.

In politics, Mr. Kentch is an ardent Republican, and in religion, an adherent of the Lutheran faith. He is a member of Etz Post, No. 401, G. A. R., and also of Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F.

JOSEPH POGGENDORF, a son of Samuel and Mary Poggendorf, was born and reared in Prussia, Germany, where his parents lived and died. He came to the United States in 1862, and settled in Tioga, Pennsylvania. In 1867 he purchased his present place of twelve acres, one mile west of the borough. The same year he married Mary Kentch, a daughter of John G. and Sophia (Stanoel) Kentch, natives of Saxony, Germany. To this union have been born the following children: John, a resident of Tioga borough; Lisa, Lena and William, who live with their parents. Mr. Poggendorf is a Republican, in politics, and in religion, is a member of the Lutheran church. His only brother, William, is a resident of Rochester, New York. Mr. Poggendorf is an intelligent, public-spirited citizen, and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him. He has lived a quiet, unassuming and industrious life, and by prudence and economy has accumulated a valuable property.

RICHARD HETFIELD was born in Southport, Chemung county, New York, in 1793. His father, who was born in 1766, was one of the first settlers of Southport. Richard was a farmer and hotel-keeper, and conducted the Summit Hotel, between Horseheads and Elmira for fifty-eight years. His wife, Susan, was born in 1805, and was the mother of the following children: William D., who died in 1864; Charles, who served in the Eighty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and is now a clerk in the postoffice department, Washington, D. C.; Abner, who died May 3, 1858, aged fifteen years, and Thomas G., of Tioga. Mr. Hatfield died April 21, 1870, and his wife, September 2, 1882.

THOMAS G. HETFIELD, youngest son of Richard Hetfield, was born in Southport, New York, November 21, 1847. He was reared upon the homestead farm, and before arriving at manhood learned the cigarmaker's trade. In 1870 he embarked in the manufacture of cigars at Horseheads, which business he carried on there and in Elmira until 1880, when he came to Tioga, Pennsylvania, and was employed in the factory of Voorhes, Aiken & Company, until its removal to Mansfield, where he worked at his trade until 1888. He then returned to Tioga and established a cigar factory on the Wellsboro road, a short distance west of Tioga borough. His factory and residence were destroyed by fire on September 15, 1893. After the fire he resumed business in Tioga borough, remaining there until April, 1895, when he returned to his former location, having rebuilt both factory and residence. Mr. Hetfield was married in May, 1866, to Lucy DeLapp, a daughter of Hiram DeLapp. She died on October 31, 1887. In politics, Mr. Hetfield is a Democrat. He devotes his attention to the manufacture of special brands of cigars, such as "Hetfield's Best," "T. G. H.," and "Gilt Edge." He is a popular business man and citizen, and enjoys the respect of the community.

WILLARD REDNER, a son of William and Mary J. (Kennedy) Redner, was born in Steuben county, New York, November 20, 1856. His parents were natives of Tompkins county, and his paternal grandfather, of Orange county, New York. His mother died March 25, 1892, aged sixty-nine years. His father died February 20, 1896, aged seventy-two years. Seven children were born to William and Mary J. Redner, as follows: Adeline, wife of Charles Robb, of Athens, Bradford county;

Simeon, a resident of the same place; Willard, of Tioga township; Willis, who lives in Tioga township; Frank, a resident of Tioga; Florence, wife of George Farnsworth, of Big Flats, New York, and George, who resides in Harrison Valley, Pennsylvania. Before coming to Tioga county Mr. Redner resided in Tompkins and Cameron counties, New York, Ashtabula county, Ohio, and Big Flats, Chemung county, New York. In 1880 he removed from the latter place to Tioga township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located on the H. W. Caulking farm, subsequently removed to Chatham township, and later bought his present farm of 148 acres, in the western part of Tioga township, formerly known as the H. H. Goodrich farm. Mr. Redner married Mrs. Sophia Kennedy, nee White, December 9, 1879, and has five children: Frank, Henry, Ira, who died November 11, 1895, aged eleven years; Vera, and Stanley, who died July 19, 1896, aged fifteen months. In politics, he is a Republican, and has filled the office of constable. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, also of Tioga River Lodge, No. 797, I. O. O. F., and is one of the prosperous and successful farmers of the township.

D. W. HURD was born in Caton, Steuben county, New York, August 2, 1849, and is the only child of Charles and Jane (Harrison) Hurd. His parents were natives of the same county, and his father died there in 1851. His mother resides with our subject. Mr. Hurd learned the trade of stationary engineer in his youth, which he followed in Steuben county up to 1870, when he went to Kane county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming eight years. Returning east, he located on a farm in Lawrence township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, upon which he lived until 1881, and then purchased his present farm of ninety acres in Tioga township. Mr. Hurd was married to Mary Colder, a daughter of Hiram and Sarah Colder, of Lindley, Steuben county, New York, December 26, 1869, and has four children: Jennie, Harry, Harriet and Walter. Mrs. Hurd's father died July 28, 1891, aged fifty-nine years; her mother lives in Lindley, New York. Her brother, James, is also a resident of Lindley, while her sister, Kate, is the wife of William Terwilliger, of Caton, New York. In politics, Mr. Hurd is a Republican, and has been township supervisor for the past three years. He has made his way in life through his own unaided efforts, and is a man of honest, upright character.

JOHN A. BERGH was born in Sweden, in 1845, a son of Andrew Olson and Christina Bergh. He immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1873 and settled at Fall Brook, Tioga county, where he followed the occupation of a coal miner until 1885. He then rented a farm on the Cowanesque river, which he cultivated up to April, 1890, in which year he leased the old H. W. Caulking place, containing 281 acres, in the western part of Tioga township. This he conducted successfully until 1896, when he removed to Elkland. Mr. Bergh was married October 24, 1875, to Augusta Dyring, a native of Sweden, who is the mother of six children, as follows: Mary, Alvira, Emelia, Helga, John and Corra. Mr. Bergh is a staunch Republican, and in religion, a Lutheran. He is a member of Arbon Lodge, No. 489, I. O. O. F., and Encampment No. 153, of Blossburg, and is also connected with the K. of P. lodge, in Arnot.

JOSEPH BERGH was born in Sweden, in 1858, a son of Andrew Olsen and Christina (Torstens) Bergh. He was reared in his native land, and came to Pennsylvania in 1881, where he found employment for two years in the coal mines at Arnot, Tioga

county. He then went to Elkland township and worked on a farm three years; next rented a farm near Osceola, on which he remained until he came to Tioga township, in 1892. He rented the T. J. Berry farm of 200 acres, in the northern part of the borough of Tioga, which he has since managed with success, and now ranks among the intelligent and progressive farmers of the township. He devotes his efforts to dairying and the growing of grain and tobacco, and is enjoying the prosperity due to persistent and well-directed industry. Mr. Bergh was married September 15, 1883, to Anna Mangnuson, a native of Sweden, to which union have been born the following children: Charles J., Jennie C., Frank A., Oscar W. and James Walter. In politics, Mr. Bergh is a Republican, and in religion, an adherent of the Lutheran church. He is a member of Elkland Lodge, No. 800, I. O. O. F., and of Tioga Tent, No. 176, K. O. T. M. His brother, John A., is a farmer at Elkland; Otto, another brother, lives in Tioga; while his sisters, Emma Sophia, widow of Olaf Danielson; Caroline, wife of John Hanson, and Ida, wife of Alexander Anderson, reside in Arnot, Tioga county.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AND LAWRENCEVILLE.

*HON. JAMES FORD was born at Morristown, New Jersey, March 4, 1783. This branch of the Ford family came from Middlesex county, England, six miles from the city of London, between the years 1636 and 1660. Records do not agree on this point. They were of the gentry and bore arms. Much of the data obtained from old records leads to the belief that Marshfield, Massachusetts, was their first place of settlement in America. Four brothers, Charles, William, Oswald and Samuel, went from Massachusetts to New Jersey, settling in Piscataway, Woodbridge and Morristown. Charles, the ancestral grandfather of James Ford, married Meribah Thornwell, to which union were born nine children. The third, Benjamin Ford, married Jemima Walker, a daughter of Hon. Thomas Walker, son of Capt. Samuel Walker, who was a member of His Majesty's Council under Lord Cornberry, governor of East and West Jersey and New York. Captain Walker was named for governor just before the Revolutionary War broke out. The Walker family and Benjamin Ford were Tories, and refusing to take the oath of allegiance to the United States, their property was confiscated and they were obliged to flee to New York City for protection. Captain Walker died in that city and was buried in Old Trinity churchyard. At an early age James Ford went with John P. Ryers, as clerk, to a little settlement not far from Lawrenceville. About 1816 he purchased land on the Cowanesque river and built for himself a home, yet standing in Lawrenceville, where he resided until his death. He named the new settlement "Lawrence," in honor of Captain Lawrence of "Don't give up the Ship" fame. Old family letters show that it was called Lawrence for many years. Mr. Ford was very successful in business, a man of rare intelligence and advanced ideas, energetic, quick to see, resolute to do and ready to venture on any new enterprise which promised success. Nothing better was to be found in the settlement than the lumber and flour from his mills which he shipped to southern markets. He took a prominent part in public affairs, served two terms as a member of the state legislature, and two terms as representative of this district in Congress during President Jackson's administra-

* Contributed by Mrs. M. L. Beaumont.

tion, with whom he corresponded for a time. He was also a friend and correspondent of James Buchanan. Mr. Ford married Maria Lindsley, a daughter of Judge Eleazer and Eunice (Halsey) Lindsley, and grand-daughter of Col. Eleazer Lindsley, who soon after the Revolution purchased a tract of land six miles square, now Lindley township, Steuben county, New York. Colonel Lindsley's first visit to this part of the country was with General Sullivan on his march from the Wyoming valley, the year after the Massacre, through to the lake country to punish the Indians for their ravages and atrocities. Maria Lindsley was a direct descendant, through Eunice (Halsey) Lindsley, of Lion Gardiner, Lord of the Isle of Wight, and of Jeremiah Conkling, the ancestor of the Hon. Roscoe Conkling. To James and Maria Ford were born the following children: Charles H. L., who married Eliza Cruger, a daughter of General Cruger; Mary L., who married Milton P. Orton, M. D.; Emily C., who married Rev. George R. H. Shumway, and Susan Eliza, who married Col. Charles Dorrance, of Wilkes-Barre, a grandson of Col. George Dorrance, who fell in defense of home and country at the Wyoming Massacre. Charles Dorrance spent a long, useful and honorable life near the place where his heroic grandfather was slain by the cruel savages. James Ford was a friend to the poor and rich alike, and a man who never spoke ill of any one or allowed others to do so in his presence. He filled a prominent place in the early history of Tioga county, and died at his home in Lawrenceville, in 1859. He was laid to rest in the family burying ground, set apart by Colonel Lindsley for that purpose.

DR. SIMÉON POWER is one of the well-remembered pioneer physicians of Tioga county, where he settled and began the practice of medicine more than ninety years ago. He was born in Guilford, Vermont, July 5, 1784. His parents were Manasseh and Susannah (Paine) Power, the former a native of Lancaster, Massachusetts, and the latter of Chatham, on Cape Cod. His father was a veteran of the Revolution. Dr. Power came on horseback to this county in 1805, arriving at Samuel Miller's, at what is now Millerton, in the evening. He intended to remain there over night, but finding what he thought to be a rough gathering he rode on through the dark forest, made hideous by the howling of wild animals, and finally arrived near day-break at the home of Ira Kilburn, who lived on the site of what is now the borough of Lawrenceville. Here Dr. Power decided to "hang out his shingle," but after a short stay he removed to Knoxville and from there to Tioga—then the principal village in the county. While in Tioga he was married to Polly Inscho, February 2, 1809, a daughter of Obadiah Inscho, who settled on the Cowanesque river in 1798. She was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1788, and was about ten years old when her parents came to Tioga county. In 1821 Dr. Power returned to Lawrenceville, where he continued in the active duties of his profession during the remainder of his life. He first purchased a small tract of land within the village limits. This he sold and then bought a farm near the western limits of the town, and built the "Red House" on Cowanesque street, now one of the old landmarks of Lawrenceville. Dr. Power and wife reared seven children, viz: Mary, who married Samuel Ryon; Susan, who married Frederick Thurber; Judith, who became the wife of George Thurber; Simeon I., who was elected sheriff of Tioga county in 1858 and died at Lawrenceville; Dyer, a resident of that borough; Caroline, now residing in Lawrenceville, who married George Prutsman, of Tioga, and

after his death Enoch Blackwell, of Nelson; and Samantha, who lives in Corning. The four oldest children are dead. Dr. Power was a prominent factor in the early political history of the county. In 1815 he was elected the second sheriff of Tioga, which office he filled three years, and in 1851 he was chosen an associate judge and sat upon the bench the full term of five years. An ardent Democrat up to the war, he gave a loyal support to the Union cause, but gradually drifted into the Republican party. He died at his home in Lawrenceville, December 19, 1863. His wife survived him until March 14, 1868, both dying in the eightieth year of their age. They sleep side by side in the Power Cemetery, which was laid out on their farm. During the early years of his professional labors, Dr. Power's practice extended over a vast territory—westward up the Cowanesque into Potter county; south as far as Williamsport, and northward to Addison, Painted Post and Bath. A man of fine education, a good physician, and always kind and charitable to suffering humanity, his memory is revered by his descendants and the people of the community in which he spent the greater portion of his life.

JOHN RYON, SR., was born on the Atlantic Ocean, March 10, 1748, while his parents were en route to New York. His father, Sir Anthony Ryon, was a native of Ireland, and died soon after coming to America. John grew to maturity in New York, whence he removed to the Wyoming valley, in Pennsylvania, prior to the Revolutionary War. Here he married Sarah Goodale, a native of Long Island, and settled near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was a veteran of the Revolution, in which he served nearly six years. His name appears on the rolls as a private in Capt. Thaddeus Weed's Company (formerly Capt. Solomon Strong's Company), Fifth Connecticut regiment, commanded by Col. Philip D. Bradley, from July, 1777, to December, 1780, with the remark, "Enlisted October 20th, for during the war." In 1779 he was with Sullivan's expedition against the Indians of the lake country. The records also show that he served as a sergeant in the Fifth Company (formerly Capt. Thaddeus Weed's), Second Connecticut regiment, commanded by Col. Heman Swift, from March, 1781, to April, 1783. During a portion of his services he was employed in the commissary department, New York City, superintending the manufacturing of clothing for the army. He was subsequently pensioned by the state of Connecticut for his services in the Revolutionary War. While stationed in New York he was visited by his wife, who rode the whole distance from Wilkes-Barre on horseback, carrying her infant son, Benjamin, in her arms, and leaving her son, William, with friends in the Wyoming valley. Though the route was infested with hostile Indians, the brave wife returned to her home in safety, but both she and Benjamin died soon after from smallpox, contracted during the trip. After the war closed Mr. Ryon returned to the Wyoming valley, where he found his son, William, alive but sadly neglected. When William grew up he married Miss Marcy, a cousin of Governor Marcy, of New York, settled in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, and there died. Mr. Ryon's second wife was the widow of Captain Inman, who was killed in the Wyoming Massacre. Two sons, James and John, and a daughter, Betsey, were born of this union. A few years after his marriage to Mrs. Inman, Mr. Ryon removed with his family to Southport, New York, and later to Newtown, now a part of Elmira, where his wife and daughter died. In the spring of 1811 his sons removed with a colony of settlers to the Cowanesque

valley, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled on the site of Elkland, where the father joined them later. He served as postmaster at that place, then called Ryonsville, from 1822 to 1830, and died January 20, 1832. His son, James, subsequently removed to Illinois, while John remained in this county and became one of its most distinguished citizens.

JUDGE JOHN RYON, son of John Ryon, Sr., was born in the Wyoming valley, near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1787. He came with the colony to the site of Elkland, Tioga county, in March, 1811, but did not bring his family until the following month. Here he cleared a large farm, engaged in merchandising, and followed the mercantile and farming occupations for many years. About 1848 he removed to Lawrenceville and purchased the present Ryon homestead, known as "The Elms," where he carried on the mercantile business and spent the remainder of his life. Judge Ryon was a self-made man, a politician of considerable note, and one of the leading Democrats of Tioga county. In 1816 he was elected a justice of the peace, in which capacity he served for many years. In 1819 he was elected a county commissioner. He represented this district three terms in the legislature, 1821, 1822 and 1823, and was state senator in 1824-25. In 1829 he was appointed superintendent of the West Branch division of the Pennsylvania canal, which position he filled with ability and honor. On January 29, 1833, he was appointed an associate judge of Tioga county, and served on the bench continuously up to March, 1847. He also held several military positions in the militia, the highest being that of lieutenant colonel. Judge Ryon was a kind, courteous, Christian man, and an active worker in the Presbyterian church. A few years prior to his removal to the Cowanesque valley, he married Susannah Tubbs, a daughter of Samuel Tubbs, a pioneer of the Cowanesque. She was born in Newtown, now a part of Elmira, New York, and became the mother of twelve children, as follows: Sally, who married Col. Philip Taylor, of Elkland, and died in Osceola, March 1, 1896; Samuel, a deceased farmer of Lawrence township; George L., who died in the same township, April 2, 1897; Emily, widow of Dr. E. D. Benedict, of Westfield; Harris T., of Nelson; Harriet, deceased wife of Joseph Barker, of Chicago; Charles and Mary, both deceased; John W., a lawyer and ex-congressman of Pottsville; Robert T., a resident of Columbia, Pennsylvania; James, an ex-judge of Schuylkill county, now living in Pottsville, and Wallace P., who resides in the old homestead at Lawrenceville. Judge Ryon died at his home in Lawrenceville, July 22, 1859. His widow survived him nearly twenty-two years, dying March 5, 1881. He was one of the most prominent and successful men in northern Pennsylvania, and a leader in the Democratic party throughout his long and active career. His public and private life was ever governed by the Ryon family motto—"Death before Dishonor."

SAMUEL RYON, eldest son of Judge John Ryon, was born in what is now Elmira, New York, March 10, 1811, and was reared in Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he assisted his father in clearing off the forest then covering the site of that borough. In 1832 he and his brother, George L., opened a store in Elkland, which they carried on up to 1843. On January 27, 1833, he married Mary Power, a daughter of Dr. Simeon Power, a pioneer physician of the Cowanesque valley. Three children, Alexander H., Simeon P. and Norman H., grew to maturity from this union, the last being the only survivor of the family. Simeon P. represented

Columbia county, Pennsylvania, in the legislature, and died during his term, April 12, 1876. Samuel Ryon possessed a good education, was a fine mathematician, and served as assistant civil engineer on the Pennsylvania canal while his father was a member of the legislature. He was extensively engaged in farming and lumbering on the Cowanesque, near Lawrenceville, whither he removed from Elkland, and also operated a grist and woolen-mill at the same place for many years. Politically, a life-long Democrat, he was appointed postmaster of Ryonsville, now Elkland, April 24, 1834, by William T. Barry, postmaster general under President Jackson, and served a full term. Mr. Ryon spent the latter years of his life in Lawrenceville, where he died April 26, 1877. His wife died August 13, 1876. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while he adhered to the Presbyterian faith.

GEORGE L. RYON, second son of Judge John Ryon, was born in Elkland, Tioga county, June 28, 1813. He was educated principally in the common schools at Elkland, but finished his education by attending school at Harrisburg. When nineteen years of age he commenced business as a merchant in partnership with his older brother, Samuel, at Elkland, where they carried on business for eleven years. In 1838 he succeeded his brother, Samuel, as postmaster at Elkland. In connection with merchandising they carried on lumbering quite extensively. By the flood of 1843 they lost heavily, and were compelled to give up the lumber business. Mr. Ryon then turned his attention to farming, and cultivated the old homestead at Elkland for two years, at the end of which time he purchased an interest in a large tract of land near Elkland, and began the work of clearing and improving it. He was a noted pilot, knowing every part of the water from this county down the Cowanesque, Tioga, Chemung and Susquehanna rivers to Port Deposit, Maryland, a matter of importance in early days, as much depended on the skill and knowledge of the pilot in charge of the immense rafts that were started from this county to tide-water. Mr. Ryon was a captain in the State Militia, and for many years a prominent figure at the "trainings," as they were then called. He commanded the Elkland Guards, and one of his grandsons is now in possession of the sword presented to him, which was at that time said to be one of the handsomest in the State. He was also a noted rifle shot, and in his more youthful days was a keen sportsman. In 1849 he sold out his interests at Elkland and purchased his late homestead farm near Lawrenceville, upon which he resided until his death, April 2, 1897, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. In 1836 he married Hannah Hammond, a daughter of David Hammond, of Elkland, who bore him a family of thirteen children, five of whom died in early infancy. The remaining eight are named as follows: Ellen O., who married W. T. Rhodes, of Tioga, and died April 2, 1890; George W., a prominent lawyer and banker of Shamokin; Alvin F., an attorney of Lock Haven; Mary M., wife of H. L. Fitch, of New Hampton, Iowa; John A., a jeweler of Charles City, Iowa; Alice H., wife of Clark S. Ingraham, a druggist of Elmira, New York; William W., a lawyer of Shamokin, and David H., a farmer of Lawrence township. Mrs. Ryon died at the old homestead June 9, 1888, after a happy married life of more than half a century. Mr. Ryon and wife were members of the Presbyterian church, in which he filled the office of trustee for many years. In politics he was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and always took a commendable interest in public affairs, filling acceptably for many years the office of school director

and other official positions. He was one of the most respected citizens of Tioga county, in which his entire life was passed. In private life he was a dignified, unobtrusive gentleman, very sociable and hospitable in his disposition, and when death called him at the close of a busy and useful life, he left a record of a long and honorable career as a valuable inheritance and example for his children.

HARRIS T. RYON, third son of Judge John Ryon, was born in Elkland, Tioga county, January 9, 1816, and there grew to manhood. He then engaged in the mercantile business at Elkland for two years, and later embarked in farming in Nelson township, clearing a part of the farm now owned by Shaw and Tubbs. In 1849 he located at Lawrenceville, where he was engaged in general merchandising eight years. Returning to Nelson in 1861, he resumed agriculture, and has cleared and improved most of the farm of eighty acres he now occupies. Mr. Ryon has been twice married. In 1837 he married Hannah M., a daughter of George and Mary (Champlin) Congdon, of Steuben county, New York. She bore him two children who grew to maturity, viz: Alzadia, and Sarah A., wife of R. C. Bailey. Mrs. Ryon died in 1842, and the following year he married Elizabeth Sherwood, a daughter of John and Lucy Sherwood, of Orleans county, New York. Two children have been born to this union: John S., a lawyer of Elkland, and Emma A., wife of John D. James. Mr. Ryon is a member of the Presbyterian church, in politics, a Republican, and is one of the representative farmers of Nelson township. He has lived in the Cowanesque valley more than eighty years.

WALLACE PULASKI RYON was born in Elkland, Tioga county, July 18, 1836, and is the youngest child of Judge John Ryon. He was educated in the Lawrenceville Academy, at Lawrenceville, in Lima College, at Lima, New York, and in Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, and also studied under the private tutorship of Rev. Sidney Mills. He read law with Hon. John W. Ryon, now a resident of Pottsville, and was admitted to the bar of Tioga county, at Wellsboro, in 1861. He next clerked for his brother, John W., who was a paymaster in the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, and in the spring of 1862 located at Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, for the practice of his profession, remaining there one year. He then removed to Pottsville with his brother, John W., where he followed his profession up to 1879. From 1869 to 1872 he was also cashier of the Pennsylvania National Bank, of Pottsville, and in 1873 was president of the Merchant's Exchange Bank of that place. In 1879 he removed to Philadelphia, where he was connected with the coal and iron business up to 1882, in which year he returned to the old homestead in Lawrenceville. He has since devoted himself to farming and the practice of his profession. Like his father, Mr. Ryon was a Democrat, and for many years gave his active support to that party. He was connected with the secret service of the postal department during President Cleveland's first administration, and was appointed by Postmaster-General Vilas, president of a commission composed of postal experts to investigate the public service in the first and second-class postoffices in the United States, and to formulate a uniform system of classification and compensation therein. Mr. Ryon was married at Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1863, to Mary S. Rice, a daughter of Edward L. Rice, of Wilmington, Delaware. Mrs. Ryon comes of a family distinguished in the early annals of the Colonies. On her father's side she is a descendant of Don Eduardo Reice, a Spanish refugee who settled at what is now Eastport, Maine,

and whose descendants afterwards settled in Massachusetts, Delaware and Ohio. The Delaware branch of the family is well known in the early history of the settlements on the Delaware river. Her great-great-grandfather, Evan Rice, was judge of the courts from 1756 to 1777, and her grandfather, Washington Rice, was one of the early business men of Wilmington, being an importer of teas, coffees and spices. Her father, Edward L. Rice, succeeded his father in business, and after an honorable and successful career of twenty-five years, retired. He was born in Wilmington, January 2, 1811, and was one of Delaware's most prominent and respected citizens. During the Rebellion he gave largely to the Union cause. In politics, he was originally a Whig, but later a Republican. He was twice tendered the nomination for governor of his State, but refused to accept the honor. An enthusiastic sportsman, he was known by the appellation of the "Nimrod of Delaware." He died November 21, 1891, after a long life of honor and usefulness. On her mother's side, Mrs. Ryon comes from the sturdy Swedish stock that first settled in Delaware. The old Colonial records give the Naff family prominence in the affairs of the Colony at Wilmington. Several of her Swedish ancestors were Revolutionary soldiers, serving principally in Washington's army. Six children have been born to Wallace P. and Mary S. Ryon, viz: Edward Anderson, Estella Rice, Wallace Herbert, James Percy, John Naff, deceased, and Mary Edith Louise. The family are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, of Lawrenceville, in which Mr. Ryon is junior warden.

HIRAM BEEBE was born in Canaan, Litchfield county, Connecticut, there grew to maturity, and then came to Owego, New York, where he and a man named Hollabert carried on a store for two or three years. In 1815 they came to Lawrenceville, and opened the first store in the village, on the south corner of Cowanesque and Main streets, under the firm name of Beebe & Hollabert. The latter remained only a few years, but Mr. Beebe continued the business until 1840, when he sold out and formed a partnership with Hunt Pomeroy, and opened a store at Nelson, in which he was interested ten years. Soon after coming to Lawrenceville, Mr. Beebe married Margaret Allen, of Owego, who bore him two children, both of whom died in youth. He was one of the most influential Democrats in Tioga county, and for that reason was locally named "King Hiram." He was postmaster at Lawrenceville many years. In 1822 he was elected a county commissioner, and again in 1826. In connection with merchandising, he also carried on the lumber business quite extensively, and was agent for the Bingham lands until Mr. Clymer succeeded him. Mr. Beebe and wife both died prior to the Rebellion.

ANSON BEEBE, a brother of Hiram, came to Lawrenceville in 1817 and engaged in the manufacture of gloves and mittens, which business he followed until his death, in February, 1830. He married Lucy Lincoln, a native of Worcester, Massachusetts, who bore him the following children: Edward, who died in infancy; Charles, of Lawrenceville; Harriet, wife of Morgan Seely, of Osceola; Mariah, who married Jacob Prutsman, of Tioga, and James, the last two of whom are dead. Mrs. Beebe died in 1875.

CHARLES BEEBE was born in Lawrenceville, September 10, 1819, a son of Anson and Lucy Beebe. At the age of twenty he began learning the wagon-maker's trade with Charles Powers, whose business he purchased in the fall of 1840. He carried on wagon-making at Lawrenceville until February, 1885, a period of nearly forty-

five years, when he fell and broke his right hip, which compelled him to retire from active work. On January 1, 1848, Mr. Beebe married Martha Dodd, of Spencer, New York, and has one daughter, Mary C., wife of B. F. Madison, of Galeton, Potter county. In politics, he is a Republican, and in religion, a Presbyterian. Mr. Beebe is the oldest native born resident of Lawrenceville, and is regarded as one of the best posted men on local history in the Cowanesque valley.

DR. LEWIS DARLING, SR., one of the well-remembered pioneer physicians of Tioga county, was born in Woodstock, Windsor county, Vermont, March 4, 1804, a son of Seth and Chloe (Marsh) Darling, who were of Puritan stock. He was educated in the public schools and the Woodstock Academy, and at the age of twenty-two graduated from Dartmouth University. Three years later, in 1829, he took his degree of M. D., at the same institution, and soon afterwards started west, driving from Vermont to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, where he commenced the practice of his profession the same year. In 1831 he removed to Lawrenceville, where he continued in active practice for fifty-one years. In 1862 he was appointed surgeon of the One Hundred and Sixty-first New York Volunteers, with the rank of major, and served under General Banks in the department of the gulf, accompanying his regiment through the famous Red River Campaign. Owing to poor health he was finally obliged to resign and return to his home, where he resumed practice. In 1871 he was appointed examining surgeon for the pension department, a position he held until his death, July 15, 1882. Dr. Darling was married October 17, 1831, to Lucy M. Parsons, a daughter of Capt. Luke Parsons, a cavalry soldier in the War of 1812. Eight children were born to this union, named as follows: Otis G. and Louis, both of whom died in infancy; Horace M., a resident of Southport, New York; Bostock J. and Parsons L., both deceased; Lewis, a well-known physician of Lawrenceville; Thomas V., deceased, and Emeline G., who graduated at Hartford Female College in 1865, and resides with her brother in Lawrenceville.

HORACE M. DARLING, son of Dr. Lewis Darling, Sr., was born February 2, 1835, was educated at Hobart College, graduated in medicine from the University of Michigan, and began the practice of his profession at Painted Post, New York, in 1858. One year later he removed to Helena, Arkansas, where he practiced his profession until the breaking out of the Rebellion, when he was appointed surgeon of the First Arkansas regiment, and served through the entire war. After its close he located at Columbus, Mississippi, and continued in practice for a time, when owing to failing health he gave up his professional duties and again entered the University of Michigan, taking a full law course, and graduating with the degree of LL.B. He then located at Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, where he became prominent in the legal profession and filled the office of district attorney. Here he married Miss Mollie James, at whose death he gave up his legal practice and spent two years in travel, at the end of which period he located at Southport, New York, and again took up the practice of medicine. After a time he removed to Corning, but two years later returned to Southport, where he now resides on a farm. Here he was married a second time to Miss Mary Webb.

PARSONS L. DARLING, son of Dr. Lewis Darling, Sr., was born on January 5, 1839, was educated at Hobart College, and went to Helena, Arkansas, where he became principal of the High School. At the breaking out of the war he en-

listed in the First Arkansas regiment, and was appointed commissary of subsistence, with the rank of captain, and served as such through the war. He then went to Columbus, Mississippi, and studied for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal church, but giving up his studies he removed to Kansas City, where he died.

DR. LEWIS DARLING was born in Lawrenceville, Tioga county, October 19, 1840, a son of Dr. Lewis Darling, Sr. He was educated in the Lawrenceville Academy, and began the study of law with John W. Ryon, but before his admission to the bar he went west and clerked in a bank at Independence, Iowa, for one year. He then returned to Lawrenceville and began the study of medicine under his father, and attended the Medical College of Georgetown, D. C., for one year. At the end of this time he enlisted as assistant surgeon, and did hospital duty one year at Washington, when he was assigned to the western army and served in the hospitals at St. Louis and Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was also surgeon of the transport, City of Memphis, engaged in carrying sick and wounded from the seat of war. He was at the surrender of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863, whence he returned to Jefferson Barracks, and was later assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and served in the hospitals at Chattanooga and Knoxville during the winter of 1863-64. In the spring of 1864 he was with the Army of the Ohio in the Georgia Campaign, and at the battle of Peach Tree Creek was operating surgeon of the Twenty-third Army Corps. He was next assigned to the hospitals at Franklin and Knoxville, Tennessee, and later went to Marietta, Georgia, where he resigned from the army, and received permission to go before the examining board for an appointment as surgeon in the United States navy, and was first assigned to the Brooklyn navy yard, where he served as one of the board of examiners for recruits. He was next appointed surgeon for the United States steamer Florida, but before going to sea, he was detailed and returned to duty on the receiving ship North Carolina, then in the Brooklyn navy yard. In March, 1865, he was detached from this position and ordered to report to the South Atlantic Squadron, under the command of Admiral Dahlgren, and assigned to duty in the naval hospitals at Land's End, Island of St. Helena and Port Royal harbor. After serving a short time in these hospitals, he was assigned as surgeon to the United States steamer Nahant, in which capacity he served until the close of the war. Returning home he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he graduated in medicine in 1866. After taking a post-graduate course, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he practiced a few months, then returned to Lawrenceville and became associated with his father in practice, which continued until the death of the latter. He then succeeded his father as special pension examiner, a position he still holds. Dr. Darling is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the Elmira Academy of Medicine, the Corning Academy of Medicine, the Tioga County Medical Association, and the Association of Railway Surgeons of the United States. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and the E. A. U., being medical examiner for the latter society. He is also medical examiner for seventeen life insurance companies, and local surgeon for the Fall Brook Railroad Company. On January 1, 1867, Dr. Darling married Julia L. Day, a daughter of Hon. C. E. Day, of Avon, Connecticut. Three sons have been born to this union, viz: Arland L., who studied medicine under his father, graduated at the University

of Buffalo, in 1892, and has since been in partnership with his father; Carlos P., who graduated at Hobart College in 1894, and is now engaged in special study, and Walter W., now taking a post-graduate course. The family are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, of Lawrenceville, in which Dr. Darling is senior warden. In politics, he is a staunch Democrat, and served as assistant deputy revenue collector during President Johnson's administration. In February, 1897, he was elected burgess of Lawrenceville. He has always taken an active part in the promotion of education, and has been president of the school board for several terms. Dr. Darling is recognized as one of the leading, successful physicians of his native county.

THOMAS V. DARLING was born in Lawrenceville, Tioga county, October 17, 1842, youngest son of Dr. Lewis Darling, Sr. He was educated at Lawrenceville Academy, where he was a student at the breaking out of the war. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served four years. Returning home in shattered health, he never fully recovered, and died in September, 1890. He married Delphine Chase, of Lawrenceville, who, with two sons and two daughters, resides in Washington, D. C.

*MILTON PARDEE ORTON, M. D., was born at Sharon, Connecticut, in 1795. His paternal ancestor, Thomas Orton, came to Ancient Windsor, Connecticut, in 1640, and from a very early date the family have been cultured, literary people. He was also a descendant of Thomas Yale, one of the founders of Yale College, and of George Pardee, of New Haven, whose parents were Huguenots and were driven from France by the troubles there. George Pardee was the founder of the famous Hopkins Grammar School, of New Haven. Dr. Orton was also descended from Capt. Samuel Turner, of New Haven, a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery and distinguished for his bravery. He graduated at Yale with honor, after which he took the medical course at the same institution. In 1834 he came to Lawrenceville, Tioga county, where he practiced his profession for nearly thirty years. He married Mary Lindsley Ford, oldest daughter of Hon. James Ford. They had ten children, seven of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Orton died in 1852, aged forty-two years. Dr. Orton died February 2, 1864, while surgeon in charge at Hatteras Inlet. Their children were as follows: James Ford; Maria Lindsley, wife of Col. Eugene B. Beaumont, U. S. A., a retired officer now living at Wilkes-Barre, who served in the War of the Rebellion, being five times brevetted for gallant and meritorious service, and appointed to receive Jefferson Davis when the latter was captured; Stella Shoemaker, widow of the late Joseph F. Rusling, of Lawrenceville; Charles Ford, who married Sarah Morgan; Ellen Bicking, who married James H. Sherrerd, of Philadelphia; Benjamin Ford, who married Isabella A. Pleasants, and Chester Butler Orton.

JOSEPH FOWLER RUSLING was born in Bridgton, Cumberland county, New Jersey, November 29, 1831, a son of Rev. Sedgwick and Electa W. (Cummings) Rusling, natives of New Jersey, and of English extraction. His parents reared a family of seven children, and his father died in Lawrenceville in 1876. Joseph F. was educated in the public schools of New Jersey and at Pennington Seminary. In

* Contributed by Mrs. M. I. Beaumont.

September, 1847, he secured a clerkship with Bishop & Newell, a large grocery, grain and coal firm of New Brunswick, New Jersey. Five years later he bought the business and conducted it successfully for a long period. In 1855 he was appointed an agent for Asa Packer for the sale of coal in New York City. He shipped the first coal by rail to Newark, New Jersey, connecting the New Jersey Central, at Elizabeth, with the New Jersey railroad. These two roads having different gauges, he invented the broad tread-wheel, which permitted the cars to go direct through to Newark without unloading. Mr. Rusling was founder and president of the second building and loan association in the United States. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, he secured letters from President Frelinghuysen, of Rutgers College, to President Lincoln and Secretary Seward, and going to Washington, D. C., obtained a contract for supplying the government with forage. In October, 1861, he was appointed agent of the government to handle forage shipped over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad under Colonel Ingals. In the spring of 1862 he became agent of the government to purchase hay and oats in the west, ship them to the seat of war and oversee their transportation. While thus engaged he was taken sick and returned to his home in May, 1862, and for two years was unable to do any business. In 1864 he removed with his family to Lawrenceville, Tioga county, which continued to be his place of residence until his death, October 3, 1896. The first year of his residence in this village he bought hay and grain for the government. In 1868 he embarked in the hay business for himself, operating at times as many as fifteen presses, and continued the business up to 1873. In 1871 he invented a hay-tie, which is now in general use, and the same year he erected the Rusling block in Lawrenceville. In 1878 he took charge of the cattle bill in Congress for the Humane Society, and finally secured laws for the better transportation of live stock from the west to the eastern markets. On December 23, 1857, Mr. Rusling married Stella Shoemaker Orton, a daughter of Dr. M. P. Orton, and grand-daughter of Hon. James Ford, a pioneer of Lawrenceville. Six children were born to this union, as follows: Elizabeth L., wife of R. D. Brundage, of Wilkes-Barre; Charles S., Ford O., Frank D., Henry D. and Stella. Mr. Rusling was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was also connected with the I. O. O. F. and the F. & A. M. societies. In politics, a Republican, he was burgess of Lawrenceville and president of the school board in that borough at different periods.

JOHN B. SMITH, physician and surgeon, was born at Hornby, Steuben county, New York, March 14, 1838. His parents, Hugh and Lydia (Blendin) Smith, were natives of that State, and reared a family of five children, viz: David P., a deceased merchant of Riceville, Iowa; John B., of Lawrenceville; Harriet R., wife of Edward Markham, of Riceville; Edward E., a merchant at Brownville, Iowa, and Frank A., a merchant of Osage, Iowa. The father died in April, 1890, aged eighty-one years. His widow resides at Osage, Iowa, aged seventy-six years. John B. obtained his early education in the public schools of his native county, read medicine under Dr. Shannon, of Savona, New York, and Dr. Harrington, of Corning, attended lectures at the University of Buffalo, and graduated from that institution. He commenced practice at Hornby, New York, where he remained for eighteen years. In 1885 he located in Lawrenceville, Tioga county, and has since built up a lucrative practice. Dr. Smith married Lenora Chapman, a daughter of Samuel Chapman, of Law-

renceville, and has two sons, Lawrence C. and Hugh M. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and the Royal Arcanum; also of the Elmira Academy of Medicine; the Steuben County Medical Society, and the Tioga County Medical Society. In politics, he is a Republican.

PELEG B. SANDFORD, retired grocer, was born near Newark, New Jersey, December 8, 1814, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Back) Sandford, natives of New Jersey and Connecticut, respectively. He attended the public schools of New York City in boyhood, and when fifteen years of age became a clerk in the grocery house of James H. Cook, of New York, with whom he remained eleven years. He then formed a partnership with Edmund Driggs, and opened a grocery store at the corner of Twelfth and Broadway, where they continued in business two years, and then removed to the corner of Houston and Eldridge streets, continuing the business there up to 1856. In that year Mr. Sandford sold out and removed to Ridgebury township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and purchased a farm, upon which he lived up to 1879, when he sold a part of it and located at Somer's Lane, in Lawrence township, Tioga county, where he erected a store and carried on the mercantile business until 1891, when he sold out and retired to Lawrenceville, which has since been his home. On October 3, 1841, he married Keziah Malcomb, who bore him six children, viz: Susan A., widow of Samuel Wilson, of Clifton, New Jersey; Peleg, a resident of Caton, New York; Isabella, who resides at home; Catherine E., who died in infancy, and Francis and Clara J., twins, the former of whom died in infancy, and the latter the wife of P. L. Califf, of Lawrenceville. Mrs. Sandford died in 1873, aged fifty years. In politics, Mr. Sandford is a Democrat.

HENRY KIRKLAND was born in England, August 25, 1824, and came to New York with his parents when ten years of age, settling in Utica. After attaining manhood, he married Amanda Hutchins, who became the mother of one son, William Henry, now a resident of Goodyears, New York. Mrs. Kirkland died in July, 1851, and March 27, 1853, he married Mrs. Jane Ann Denton, widow of Lorenzo D. Denton. She is the mother of one son by her first marriage, namely: James H. Denton, a resident of Sayre, Pennsylvania. The children of her second marriage are named as follows: George, a resident of Sayre, Bradford county; Harriet Amanda, wife of Leroy Smith, of Smithboro, New York; Lorenzo D., who died in 1889; Francis G., of Lawrenceville, and Elmer, who lives in Elmira. In 1865 Mr. Kirkland removed from Painted Post, New York, to Blossburg, Pennsylvania, and became associated with Thomas J. Mooers in the Blossburg foundry, the firm being Mooers & Kirkland. In the spring of 1868 he sold his interest in the business, because of failing health, and died July 27, 1868. On February 5, 1872, Mrs. Kirkland married John Hicks, of Cayuta, Schuyler county, New York, who died April 27, 1875. During the past seven years Mrs. Hicks has made her home with her son in Lawrenceville.

FRANCIS G. KIRKLAND, proprietor of the Hotel Kirkland, of Lawrenceville, was born in Blossburg, Tioga county, December 5, 1865, a son of Henry and Jane Ann Kirkland. When he was not quite three years old his father died, and his mother removed to Painted Post, New York, where he received a common school education. In July, 1882, he came to Lawrenceville and began clerking in the Daggett House. During the succeeding seven years he clerked in stores in Corn-

ing, Freeville, Elmira and Havana, New York, and for Wing & Bostwick, of Lawrenceville; and also in the hotel at Lawrenceville, and the Wilcox House, Wellsboro. In February, 1890, he leased the hotel at Lawrenceville, and in January, 1894, purchased the property and changed the name to the Hotel Kirkland. Under his management the house has prospered, and is recognized as one of the best hotels in Tioga county. Mr. Kirkland is a Republican, in politics, and is now serving his second term as a member of the borough council. He is connected with both the lodge and encampment of the I. O. O. F., and in religion, is an adherent of the Protestant Episcopal church.

LEON A. CHURCH, editor of the Lawrenceville *Herald*, was born April 30, 1860, in Deerfield township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Theodore C. and Julia (Dailey) Church, residents of Deerfield. His father is a son of Daniel D. Church, who came from Troupsburg, New York, at an early day and settled in Deerfield, and his mother is a daughter of Willis B. Dailey, a pioneer of Charleston township. Leon A. was educated in the common schools and at the Mansfield State Normal School, and began teaching in 1877, which occupation he continued for thirteen years. In 1883 he entered the office of the Knoxville *Courier*, with the intention of learning the printing trade, and during the next two years he worked in Knoxville, Westfield and Elkland, when not engaged in teaching. On February 1, 1892, he became associated with W. P. Ryon, of Lawrenceville, in the publication of the *Herald*, which partnership still continues. Mr. Church was married September 28, 1880, to Eleanor C. Corwin, a daughter of Daniel and Martha Corwin, of Deerfield, and has three children: Myrtie E., Mabel I. and Herold E. In politics, Mr. Church is a Republican, and in religion, an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has served as township clerk and inspector of elections in Deerfield, and is now filling his third term as clerk of Lawrenceville borough.

ELEAZER BALDWIN, a native of Connecticut, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in March, 1806, and located in Lawrence township, on the farm now owned by John Irvin. A few years later he purchased and moved to the property now owned by the widow of his son, Moses S. Baldwin. He married Betsey Stevens, February 2, 1803, who bore him five children, viz: Buell, Eleazer, Eunice, Moses S. and Thomas L. Mr. Baldwin died on the homestead, August 6, 1831, in the sixty-second year of his age.

MOSES S. BALDWIN was born on the Baldwin homestead in Lawrence township, Tioga county, September 22, 1815, attended the pioneer schools of his neighborhood, and endured the hardships and privations of those early days. He made lumbering and farming his principal business through life, and was an energetic, progressive man. He married Millicent H. Wylie, a daughter of Daniel B. and Betsey Wylie, July 26, 1846. She was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1825. Eight children were the fruits of this union, viz: Mary E., a physician of Newport, Rhode Island; Buell, and another son, both of whom died in infancy; Mose S., of Lawrence township; Kate W., a physician of Philadelphia; Daniel W., a well-known lawyer of Westfield; Lucy D., and Lemuel G., a physician of Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Baldwin died December 12, 1867. In politics, he was a Republican, filled all the township offices at different periods, and took a very active interest in public affairs.

MOSE S. BALDWIN was born on the Baldwin farm in Lawrence township, Tioga county, September 28, 1852, and is the oldest living son of Moses S. Baldwin. He was educated in the public schools and the State Normal School, at Mansfield, and has followed agriculture on the home farm up to the present. He married Miss Rose Osborn. In politics, he is a Republican, and has filled the offices of township clerk and school director.

EPHRAIM THOMAS was born in Ireland, in 1788, immigrated to the United States about 1805, and finally located on the present Thomas farm in Lawrence township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. His wife, Sally, bore him six children, viz: Sally, who married John Mourhess; Betsey, who married Luman Peck; William, Ephraim, Mary, who first married George Madison, and for her second husband, a Mr. McClure, and Ezekiel, a farmer of Farmington township. Mr. Thomas was a carpenter, and followed that trade in connection with farming. He was also a local Methodist preacher, and died on September 8, 1852.

WILLIAM THOMAS, eldest son of Ephraim Thomas, was born in Lawrence township, Tioga county, April 15, 1818, was reared on the homestead, and followed farming during his lifetime. He purchased additional land to that taken up by his father, and was quite a prosperous man. His wife, Mary Ann, was a daughter of John and Caroline Crippen, of Farmington township. They were married September 22, 1844, and had one son, William R. Mrs. Thomas died August 10, 1866, and her husband, February 17, 1892. In early life Mr. Thomas was a Democrat, but later united with the Republican party.

DR. WILLIAM R. THOMAS, only child of William Thomas, was born on the homestead farm in Lawrence township, Tioga county, February 28, 1858, attended the district schools in boyhood, and has spent his entire life on the place of his birth. He married Flora J., a daughter of Amos and Harriet Wingate, the youngest in a family of five children. She was born February 11, 1858, and is the mother of four children, viz: William R., Caroline C., Charles E. and Walter E. In 1881 Dr. Thomas began the study of medicine with Dr. Lewis Darling, of Lawrenceville, and the following year entered the Medical Department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The next three years he spent at the University of Buffalo, where he graduated in 1886. He practiced successfully for five years, when failing health compelled him to abandon his profession. Dr. Thomas and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, he is a Republican. He is also connected with the I. O. O. F., both lodge and encampment. He is one of the substantial farmers of his native township, where he owns a well-improved farm of 185 acres.

JULIUS TREMAINE was born in Steuben county, New York, October 4, 1814, and was the second son of Lyman Tremaine. He was reared in his native county, and followed lumbering and farming the greater portion of his life. He came with his father to Lawrence township, Tioga county, where the family settled on the present Tremaine farm. He married Anna Roff, a daughter of Henry Roff. She was born September 30, 1814, and became the mother of seven children, as follows: Susan A., wife of W. M. Winter, of Lawrence township; Sarah J., wife of Allen T. Porter, of the same township; Charles H., a farmer of Lawrence; George M., a resident of Troupsburg, New York; William B., who lives in Lawrenceville;

Levi J., a resident of Lawrence township, and Mary E., widow of E. J. Grant. Mr. Tremaine was an upright, Christian man, a successful farmer, and a prominent Democrat. He died December 29, 1882. His widow survived him over nine years, dying January 31, 1892.

CHARLES H. TREMAINE, eldest son of Julius Tremaine, and grandson of Lyman Tremaine, was born on the homestead farm in Lawrence township, Tioga county, February 4, 1841, and has spent his entire life upon the same place. He obtained a common school education, and worked with his father in the lumber business until the death of the latter, when he bought out the other heirs and continued the business alone. On November 21, 1865, he married Thyrsa M. Guile, a daughter of Joseph Guile. She was born December 18, 1841, and has two children: Frank B., a farmer on the old homestead, who married Maria Kelts, a daughter of Delos and Maria Kelts, of Lawrence township, and has two children, Charles D. and Gilbert E.; and Julius E., who resides at home. The family are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, and in politics, adherents of the Democratic party. Mr. Tremaine is a member of the F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F., both lodge and encampment. He has served as a school director, and township supervisor, and is one of the well-known citizens of the township.

THOMAS KNAPP was born in Connecticut, in 1801, and the following year his parents, Elijah and Currance (Barnes) Knapp, removed from Connecticut to Lindley, New York. Thomas was the eldest in a family of eleven children, viz: Thomas, Seldon, Frederick, Abraham, Jacob, Shadrack, Derrick, Betsey, Polly, Sally and Lemiza. The father was killed by a rolling log, about 1838. The subject of this sketch was reared in New York state, living there until 1832, in which year he removed to Tioga county. He married Emily Cady, a daughter of John and Amelia Cady, who bore him the following children: George, deceased; Mary, wife of J. W. Jackson, of Wyoming county, New York; Thomas C., of Lawrence township; Ira B., a carpenter of Steuben county, New York; John C. and Lewis J., both deceased; Andrew M., a resident of Caton, New York; Theresa P., wife of Daniel Stoddard, of Steuben county, and Martha, widow of Abraham Knapp. Mrs. Knapp died April 15, 1875, and her husband, September 24, 1889.

THOMAS C. KNAPP, oldest living son of Thomas Knapp, was born in Lindley, New York, June 27, 1831, and grew to manhood in this county. In 1850 he purchased twenty-five acres of land in Lawrence township, and an additional tract of fifty acres in 1861, on which he has been engaged in farming up to the present. In 1855 he married Julie Cady, a daughter of Samuel and Diantha Cady, of Lawrence township, who bore him one son, Thomas, who died in infancy. In September, 1864, Mr. Knapp enlisted in the First New York Cavalry, and was later transferred to the Second New York Cavalry. He participated in the battles of Cedar Creek, Warm Springs, the capture of Early's command at Bladenburg, and Five Forks, and was discharged from the service on June 5, 1865. Returning home, he resumed his duties on the farm. Mr. Knapp is a member of the G. A. R., and in politics, a stanch Democrat. He has filled the offices of supervisor, constable and collector of Lawrence township.

SAMUEL ROCKWELL, retired farmer, was born in Tariffville, Hartford county, Connecticut, May 21, 1816, a son of John T. and Amanda (Cowles) Rockwell, na-

tives of that State. Samuel is the eldest in a family of six children, and the only survivor. He received a common school education in Connecticut and New York, his parents removing to Southport, New York, when he was about nine years old. He learned the chairmaker's trade, and in February, 1839, located in Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade eleven years. He then bought his present farm four miles east of Lawrenceville, on which he settled, continuing to work at his trade for about twenty years, at the end of which period he gave up that business and devoted his entire attention to farming. In September, 1839, he married Johanna Hunt, a daughter of Hosea Hunt, to which union were born ten children, as follows: Hosea H., a lawyer of Elmira; Edward E., a farmer of Lawrence township; Anna, wife of George Mitchell, of Jackson township; John P., a resident of Minneapolis; Julia M., wife of Charles Seely, of Caton, New York; Sarah J., wife of D. L. Mulford, of St. Paul; Joseph W. and Josephine, twins, the former a resident of Lawrence township, and the latter died in infancy; Nellie M., wife of Chester Blanchard, of Farmington township, and Gertrude A., wife of R. W. Clark, of California. Joseph W. was born November 2, 1851, was educated in the district schools and the State Normal School, at Mansfield, and taught for seventeen terms, since which time he has followed farming. He was married September 19, 1883, to Mrs. Lucy Chase, widow of William H. Chase, and daughter of William W. Warren. He has served as constable and collector of the township for seven years, and is the present township clerk. The mother of these children died March 23, 1884, aged sixty-nine years. Mr. Rockwell is a member of the Lawrenceville Presbyterian church, of which he has been ruling elder since June, 1840. Politically, he is a Republican, and has been a school director for fifteen years, secretary of the school board for twelve years, and township assessor four years.

EDWARD E. ROCKWELL, second son of Samuel Rockwell, was born in Lawrenceville, Tioga county, September 4, 1841. He attended the district schools in boyhood, and when nineteen years of age went to Cameron county and worked one year in the lumber woods. He then enlisted in Company K, Twenty-third New York Volunteers, and served in General Pope's campaign, participating in the battle of Second Bull Run, and also at South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg. He was honorably discharged in May, 1863. Returning home, he followed lumbering up to 1870, when he purchased his present farm of eighty acres, four miles east of Lawrenceville, and has since been engaged in farming. Mr. Rockwell married Martha Tilford, a daughter of Charles Tilford, of Lawrence township, November 15, 1865. They are the parents of two children, viz: Frank A., who was accidentally killed while attending school at Hornellsville, New York, and Charles S., a farmer of Lawrence. Politically, a Republican, Mr. Rockwell has been a school director for twelve years, and is now serving his third term as township assessor. Like most old soldiers, he is a member of the G. A. R. He is a member of the East Lawrence Christian church and has been Sunday-school superintendent twelve successive years.

WILLIAM H. EVANS, a native of New Hampshire, came to Tioga county in 1836 and located in Elkland, where he was engaged in merchandising four years. He then purchased a farm in Lawrence township, and died there in 1846. He mar-

ried Sallie Parkhurst, who bore him five children, viz: Maria, deceased wife of Dr. R. P. Brown, of Addison, New York; Allison H., deceased; Martha, wife of Thomas J. Lake, of Barto, Florida; William M., a farmer at Amherst Court House, Virginia, and Curtis P., a carpenter of Elkland.

ALLISON H. EVANS was born in Springfield township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1821, and was fifteen years old when his parents came to Elkland, Tioga county. He was employed as a clerk in his father's store in that town, where he also worked for a time in a distillery. In 1840 the family located in Lawrence township, where Allison H. was engaged in agricultural pursuits to the time of his death, March 16, 1881. In 1846 he married Abigail Haven, who bore him one daughter, Allena, who married J. M. Harrison, deceased, and is now the wife of Marcus Nye, of Whitesville, New York. Mrs. Evans died in 1848, and in 1849 he married Laura M. Haven, a sister of his first wife. Five children were born to this union, as follows: Alton C., of Lawrence township; Edgar F., a contractor and builder of Elmira; Hattie R., wife of E. G. Haven, of the same city; Nettie L., wife of Dr. M. R. Pritchard, of Harrison Valley, and Nellie H., deceased. Mrs. Evans died November 19, 1882, aged fifty-three years.

ALTON C. EVANS, oldest child of Allison H. and Laura M. Evans, was born in Lawrence township, Tioga county, March 9, 1852. He received a common school education, and worked on the home farm until twenty-three years of age, when he purchased a farm in Lawrence township, but sold it four years later and moved to Farmington township. He cultivated rented farms in that township eight years, and then returning to Lawrence township, bought his present farm of sixty acres, five miles west of Lawrenceville, on which he has since lived. Mr. Evans married Phebe D. Lugg, a daughter of Robert and Rebecca Lugg, of Nelson. She was born August 6, 1859, and has two children: Leah R., a teacher, and Dollie. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, and politically, Mr. Evans is a Democrat.

JOSEPH GUILLE, a native of Vermont, born July 23, 1813, was a son of Leonard Guile, who was born in the same State September 24, 1793. Joseph was reared in Vermont, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, locating on Lamb's creek, where he operated a saw-mill for about seven years. He then removed to Middlebury township and purchased 300 acres of timber land, from which he cleared a farm of 150 acres. He next removed to Lawrence township, rented a saw-mill, and followed lumbering there for five years, at the end of which time he removed to Tioga township, leased the DePui saw and grist-mills, and carried on a large and lucrative business for five years. Becoming a member of the firm of Tubbs, Ransom & Guile, he engaged extensively in the lumber business in Lawrence township and vicinity for upwards of ten years, then sold his interest to his partners and purchased a farm at Somer's Lane, where he also built a store and carried on the mercantile business up to the time of his death, July 24, 1885. Mr. Guile married Susan Leonard, a daughter of Ebenezer Leonard. She was born on February 15, 1813, and bore him a family of eleven children, viz: Marietta, born February 15, 1831, and died October 7, 1889; John R., born January 5, 1833, and died February 14, 1854; Martha J., born January 23, 1835, and died March 27, 1842; Curtis C., born April 17, 1837, a farmer just across the line in New York state; Adeline E., born July 9, 1839, and died in August, 1885; Thyrsa M., born December 18, 1841,

wife of Charles Tremaine, of Lawrence township; Wyat S., born November 25, 1843, and died December 16, 1852; Norman L., born October 20, 1845, a farmer at Crown Point, New York; Leonard J., born July 23, 1848, a farmer in Lawrence township; Quincy M., born January 19, 1853, a conductor on the Fall Brook railroad, residing at Corning, and Charles E., born December 10, 1857, a conductor on the Erie railroad, living at Cameron, New York. Mrs. Guile died on the old home stead October 17, 1875.

LEONARD J. GUILLE, son of Joseph Guile, was born in Lawrence township, Tioga county, July 23, 1848, attended the common schools in boyhood, and when nineteen years of age began working the home farm on shares. Two years later he entered his father's store, in which he clerked two years, next spent two years in Jackson township in the lumber business, and then found employment on the Tioga railroad. At the end of one year he began working for the Fall Brook railroad, where he remained five years. He next spent a year in tobacco growing, and then went to Lyons, New York, and carried on a restaurant there for a couple of years, at the end of which period he purchased his present farm of seventy-seven acres south of Lawrenceville, on which he has since resided. On July 11, 1868, he married Sarah A. Warren, a daughter of Elijah and Mary (Edison) Warren, who was born on August 8, 1844. Mr. Guile is one of the progressive farmers of Lawrence, and in politics, a staunch Republican.

NELVIN H. BRANT was born in Delhi, Delaware county, New York, in 1812, a son of Hamilton Brant, a native of Massachusetts. He followed farming in his native State up to 1857, in which year he purchased a farm in Lawrence township, Tioga county, where the remaining years of his life were passed. His wife, Jerusha, was a daughter of Jeremiah Mulford, of Steuben county, New York, and bore him nine children, as follows: Albert and Bruce, both of whom were drowned in boyhood; Legrand G., of Lawrence township; Anna J., wife of James Loop, of Elmira; Ross M., who died at the age of twenty; Charles P., a carpenter at Corning; Bruce N., who lives on the old homestead; Mrs. Ella S. Wells, of Elmira, and Jennie. Mr. Brant died on September 3, 1865, and his wife, November 7, 1882, surviving him over seventeen years.

LEGRAND G. BRANT, oldest living child of Nelvin H. Brant, was born in Lindley, New York, March 20, 1848, and came with his parents to this county. On January 14, 1864, when in his sixteenth year, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Sixty-first New York Volunteers, and participated in the following engagements: Sabine Cross Road, Pleasant Hill, Cane River Crossing, Ovalooses Prairie, Yellow Bayou, Siege of Fort Morgan, and the Siege of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. He was transferred to Battalion One Hundred and Sixty-first New York regiment, September 20, 1865, and promoted to corporal of Company B. He was discharged at Tallahassee, Florida, November 12, 1865, and returning home had charge of the homestead farm for ten years. In 1866 he purchased a tract of land in Lawrence township, to which he subsequently added, until he now owns 160 acres. In the spring of 1882 he located on this property, and is making a specialty of sheep growing. Mr. Brant married Ella M. Horton, a daughter of Hiram and Hannah Horton, of Lawrence, October 11, 1876. She is the youngest in a family

of eight children, and was born January 1, 1850. Seven children are the fruits of this union, viz: Arthur G., Floyd H., Cora M., Walter S., Morton C., Frank and Jennie L. Mrs. Brant is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. Brant is a Republican, has served as supervisor and school director, and is a member of the G. A. R., and the P. of H. societies.

LYMAN HURLBUT was a lineal descendant of Thomas Hurlbut, who came from England in 1635 and helped to establish the Saybrook colony, in Connecticut. He was born in the Wyoming valley, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1797, a son of Nathali Hurlbut, a native of Groton, Connecticut, born August 12, 1767. His father was married in Hanover, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, July 25, 1793, to Olive Smith, a native of Lyme, Connecticut, and a daughter of Dr. William Hooker Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Their children were as follows: Asenath, Lyman, Esther Eliza, who married Abel Hoyt, of Osceola, and died in that borough; Mary Ann, Amos Avery, William Hooker, and John Randolph, a resident of Osceola. The father never lived in this county, and died in Burns, New York, March 28, 1844. When a young man, Lyman left his home in the Wyoming valley and entered the mercantile house of Philip Hone, of New York City. After a varied experience in New York, he returned to the Wyoming valley and became one of the leading contractors of his time. He built a large portion of the North Branch canal, from Wilkes-Barre to Towanda, several bridges across the Susquehanna, and employed several hundred men for a number of years. In the spring of 1856 he came with his family to Tioga county, and purchased what was then known as the Newbury Cloos farm, on the Cowanesque river, in Deerfield township. In the spring of 1861 he sold this place and bought the Thomas Richardson farm, four miles west of Lawrenceville, in Lawrence township, where he lived until his wife's death, after which he made his home with his youngest daughter, Mrs. Dewitt Baxter, in Nelson, and died on May 20, 1876, aged seventy-nine years. Mr. Hurlbut married Caroline Scovill, July 17, 1823, to which union were born eight children, as follows: George Lyman, John Scovill, Maria G., wife of James Hancock; William N., a resident of Westfield; Esther Olive, wife of Reuben Close; Caroline Scovill, wife of Luke Gibson; Sarah Myers, wife of Dewitt Baxter, and Charles Fuller, a real estate agent of Elmira, New York. Mr. Hurlbut was a man of strong personality, striking physique, large-hearted and liberal in his views, and a consistent Christian.

GEORGE LYMAN HURLBUT, eldest child of Lyman Hurlbut, was born in Exeter, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1827. He received a good education, graduating from the Wyoming Seminary, and taught a few terms of school. In 1851 he went to California, where he spent about four years. Returning home, he came with his parents to Deerfield township, Tioga county, in the spring of 1856, where he became interested in the tanning business. Five years later the family removed to Lawrence township. On August 9, 1862, Mr. Hurlbut enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and many other minor engagements. He was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, May 29, 1863, and returned to his home in Lawrence township. Here he followed agriculture up to his death, November 12, 1892, leaving to his family a good farm of 200 acres. He was married November 13, 1861, to Jane E. Blanchard, a daughter of Charles Blanchard,

of Lawrence township, who bore him five children, as follows: Carrie L., a teacher in Detroit; Emma, Marion, Charles L., who was drowned in the Cowanesque, at Nelson, when about eighteen years old, and John, who manages the old homestead. Mr. Hurlbut was a member of the G. A. R., and I. O. O. F. In politics, a Republican, he filled the offices of school director and assessor, and was one of the prominent citizens of Lawrence township.

HENRY P. KIRKENDALL, a native of New Jersey, was married in Tompkins county, New York, and subsequently located in the town of Barton, Tioga county, New York, where he followed farming until his removal to Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Here he engaged in the lumber business, and later bought a farm at Somer's Lane, where he spent the remaining years of his life. His family were as follows: Mrs. Louisa T. Reep, Julius E., deceased; Samuel E., a lawyer of Millerton; Erastus, who lives on the old homestead; John K., and William H., both deceased; Mary J., wife of Daniel Higgins, of Rockland, Illinois; James, Henry P., Leonard R., and Martha, who died in infancy. Mr. Kirkendall was actively interested in educational matters, and always took a prominent part in school work.

VINE D. PATCHIN was born in Paulding, Dutchess county, New York, in 1803, a son of John and Jerusha (Cook) Patchin, and grandson of Andrew Patchin, a native of New England, and a soldier in the Revolution, who died at White Plains during that struggle for liberty. Andrew married Mary Mallory, who bore him two children, John, and a daughter who married a Mr. Vinegar. John Patchin was born in Dutchess county, New York, married Jerusha Cook, and reared three children, viz: Vine D., Levi M. and Sally, all of whom are dead. Vine D. received a common school education, followed farming for a livelihood, and came to Tioga county in April, 1842, locating in Richmond township, where he purchased a farm on which he resided up to his death, in 1880. He married Maria H. Davidson, a daughter of James Davidson, to which union were born three children, viz: Andrew J., of Lawrence township; Orville M. and Arvine, the last two being deceased. Mrs. Patchin died in 1885.

ANDREW J. PATCHIN, only living child of Vine D. Patchin, was born in Chenango county, New York, May 25, 1830, and was twelve years old when his parents came to Tioga county. When fifteen years of age he commenced working in the lumber woods, and fifteen years later purchased a farm in Richmond township, which he cultivated five years, then sold it and went to work in the Arnot mines. In 1870 he bought his present farm, which now comprises 200 acres, in Lawrence township, three miles south of Lawrenceville, where he has since resided. In 1852 he married Jane Pratt, a daughter of Robert Pratt, who bore him two children, viz: Vine D., born December 14, 1866, who was killed by the cars October 1, 1892, while filling the position of conductor, and Mart K., born November 19, 1872, who was married November 1, 1894, to Hattie J., daughter of Almeron Perry, of Richmond township, and has charge of the homestead farm. Politically, the family are Republicans. Mr. Patchin has been a school director two terms, supervisor two terms, and auditor for three terms. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and the I. O. O. F., while his son, Mart K., is also a member of the latter society.

ALLEN T. PORTER was born in Troy, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1837, a son of Uel Porter, a native of Bethlehem, Albany county, New York, born

December 15, 1805. His father was the youngest of three children born to Thomas and Hannah Porter, viz: John, Betsey and Uel. His grandparents located at Troy, Pennsylvania, in 1814, where Thomas died July 19, 1824, and his wife, May 23, 1840. Uel Porter was married February 27, 1825, to Eliza A. Furman, of Columbia township, Bradford county, who was born in Delaware county, New York, August 25, 1807. They became the parents of nine children, as follows: Rensselaer, born July 14, 1826, and died October 26, 1853; John F., born April 27, 1828, and died in 1894; James, born April 22, 1831, is a farmer at Canton, Bradford county; Lydia, deceased, who was born April 2, 1833; Elizabeth, born February 14, 1835, wife of P. A. Palmer, of Chicago; Allen T., now residing in Lawrence township; Ezra E., born August 5, 1843, and died May 9, 1844; Eliza H., born January 30, 1847, who is the wife of J. N. Chilson, of Chicago, and Alvin, born December 22, 1849, now a carpenter and builder of Elma, Chehalis county, Washington. The parents both died in Troy, Bradford county. The subject of this sketch remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age. He enlisted February 24, 1864, in Company M, One Hundred and Twelfth regiment, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. His regiment was first stationed at Fort Ethan Allen and Fort Marcy. He was engaged in the battle of Cold Harbor and in front of Petersburg, where he was taken sick and sent to the hospital. He remained in hospital almost a year, and was detailed for duty when discharged from the service at the close of the war. Returning to Troy, Bradford county, he soon after went to Fall Brook, Tioga county, where he was employed by the Fall Brook Coal Company until the spring of 1866. Three years later he located at Lawrenceville, but after a short stay in that borough moved to Mansfield, where he lived two years. In the spring of 1874 he purchased his present farm of 127 acres two miles west of Lawrenceville, where he has since devoted his attention to farming. Mr. Porter has been twice married. On December 24, 1856, he married Wealthy Johnson, a daughter of Dr. P. A. Johnson, of Troy, who bore him two children, viz: Edward E., a merchant tailor of Denver, Colorado, and Carrie M., wife of H. B. Milligan, of Lake Charles, Louisiana. His second marriage occurred June 30, 1867, to Sarah J., a daughter of Julius and Anna Tremaine, of Lawrence township. Mr. Porter is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of his township. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the G. A. R., and the Farmers' Industrial Union, and was on the state committee of the Farmers' Alliance and Agricultural School. In politics, Mr. Porter is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party.

JOHN McAVOY was born in Queens county, Ireland, June 24, 1830, a son of Samuel and Maria (Burke) McAvoy, natives of Ireland. His father was a sergeant and master-tailor in the British army, and had two children, Julia, widow of Edward Hinds, who resides in Wisconsin, and John. The latter attended the public schools of his native land, and worked on a farm until his nineteenth year, when he immigrated to the United States and found employment in a bottling works in Albany, New York, where he spent two years. He then removed to Corning, but two months later located in Richmond township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and for thirty-four years was in the employ of the Tioga Railroad Company, as a foreman, with the exception of eight months, in 1868, when he worked on the Kansas Pacific railroad, in Kansas. In the spring of 1879 he moved to his

present farm, which he had purchased two years before, consisting of seventy-five acres, three miles south of Lawrenceville, on the Tioga river. Here he has since devoted his whole attention to agriculture. Mr. McAvoy was married May 31, 1865, to Ann O'Connor, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, May 22, 1825, a daughter of John O'Connor. Three children have blessed this union, viz: Thomas M., a train despatcher on the Fall Brook railroad at Corning, New York; Julia, wife of Hugh Weiscot, of Rochester, New York, and Simon, telegraph operator for the Fall Brook railroad at Lawrenceville during the past eighteen years. The family are members of the Catholic church, and ardent supporters of the Democratic party.

MILETUS BROWN was born in Cayuga county, New York, there grew to manhood, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, purchasing a farm in Chatham township. He married Paulina Warner, who died on January 2, 1879. She was the mother of eight children, named as follows: Burton, who was killed in a collision on board the steamer West Point, August 18, 1862; Merrit B., of Lawrence township; George, a resident of Middlebury Center; Elizabeth, wife of J. D. Carpenter, of the same place; Prudence, wife of Curtis Brewer, of Deerfield; John B., of Mansfield; Charles, deceased, and Stella, wife of Charles Carpenter, of Middlebury Center. Mr. Brown died in Chatham township, February 24, 1897, aged seventy-seven years.

MERRIT B. BROWN was born in Cayuga county, New York, March 11, 1843, and is the eldest living child of Miletus Brown. He received a good common school education, and when fifteen years of age began working as a farm hand, which he followed several years, and then purchased a few teams and hauled lumber for some years. He later acted as agent for the Shakers, on a large broom-corn farm, and after this rented farm lands for several years, until he settled on his present farm, which he finally purchased, and has since been engaged in general farming and tobacco growing. Mr. Brown was married January 1, 1874, to Catherine, a daughter of James Paddock, of Chatham township, and has one son, Dewitt A., born November 27, 1877. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Baptist church. In politics, Mr. Brown is a Republican, and has filled the office of township auditor two terms.

JOHN MCCALLUM, a native of Scotland, is claimed to have been the fifth settler of Farmington township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he located early in the present century. He married Sarah Gee, a daughter of William Gee, of Orange county, New York. Twelve children were born to this union, nine of whom grew to maturity, viz: William, a resident of Wisconsin; Joseph, Betsey and Jane, all deceased; Charles, who lives in Wisconsin; John, deceased; Thomas, a resident of Elmira; Joshua G., of Farmington township, and Maria, who lives in Illinois. Mr. McCallum lived on the farm in Farmington township, now the home of his son, Joshua G., up to his death, in 1862. He cleared this property from the original forest, and endured all the privations of pioneer life. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, a Republican.

JOSEPH MCCALLUM, a native of New York state, born in 1814, came to Tioga county with his parents, and subsequently settled on an adjoining tract of land to the one taken up by his father, where he followed farming the remaining years

of his life, and died in April, 1880. He married Mercy A. Colegrove, a daughter of William Colegrove, of Middlebury, to which union were born the following children: William H., of Lawrence township; Susanna F., wife of Lawrence Watson, of Farmington; Sophia L., wife of Darius Gee, of Lindley, New York; Benjamin F., deceased; Joseph B., who died while a soldier in the Union army during the Rebellion; Celestia, deceased; Emma Jane, wife of Euclid E. White, of Galeton; Adaline E., wife of F. D. Pierce, of Farmington; Elsie E., wife of C. H. Buckbee, of Nelson; Olin E. and Franklin, both deceased; Ada A., of Rochester; Arthur L., who lives in Corning, and James B., a resident of Farmington township. Mrs. McCallum died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pierce, in Farmington township, October 1, 1896.

WILLIAM H. MCCALLUM was born in Farmington township, Tioga county, March 30, 1836, oldest son of Joseph McCallum, and worked on the homestead until 1862, when he purchased a farm in the same township. In August, 1863, he was drafted, and assigned to Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth regiment. He was wounded at Spottsylvania Court House, and was mustered out of the service at Elmira, New York, at the close of the war. Returning home he resumed his duties on the farm, and continued to live in Farmington township until 1886. He then purchased 150 acres of land three miles southwest of Lawrenceville, on which he has since resided. Mr. McCallum was married November 25, 1855, to Rachel Gee, a daughter of Daniel and Mary A. Gee, who bore him three children, viz: Edgar L., who died at the age of twelve years; May B., wife of Eugene Hammond, of Wellsboro, and Floyd E. Mrs. McCallum died in September, 1889, aged fifty-three years. He was again married November 1, 1890, to Mrs. W. H. Sink, a step-daughter of J. W. Gilson, of Bradford. Politically, Mr. McCallum is a Republican, served as constable and collector of Farmington two years each, three years as auditor of Lawrence township, and six years as school director. He is a member of the G. A. R., and also of the Grange.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

GARRET MILLER was the first white settler of what is now Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. In 1793 he came from Orange county, New York, cutting a road through the unbroken forest, up Seely creek from Newtown, now a part of Elmira, to a point near the State line, a short distance north of the site of Millerton, where he erected a rude log cabin. Our authority for placing the date of his settlement as 1793, is an inscription on the headstone of his son, Capt. Samuel Miller, in Millerton cemetery, who died in 1850, which says the latter "Resided here for 57 years." Mr. Miller and wife, Mary, were the parents of six sons and five daughters, named as follows: Samuel, Joshua, Garret, Nathan, James, George, Patience, Sally, Betsey, Peggy and Mary. Soon after coming to this county they removed to a tract farther south, building their second cabin on the site of Millerton. Here Mr. Miller followed farming up to his death, May 2, 1824. His wife died nine days later. The family were the first settlers on the site of the village of Millerton, which was named in honor of the pioneer.

JAMES MILLER was born in Jackson township, Tioga county, a son of Garret Miller. He was reared amidst the scenes of pioneer life, and married Rebecca

Kinner, who became the mother of twelve children, viz: Hector L., Mary E., Henry F., Lydia, Julia, J. H., Benjamin, Amanda, Celestia, Susan, J. B., and Warren. Politically, Mr. Miller was a Democrat, and served as a justice of the peace for many years. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he assisted in organizing in Jackson township.

J. H. MILLER, a son of James Miller, and grandson of Garret Miller, was born in Millerton, Tioga county, in 1834, there grew to manhood and obtained his education in the common schools. In 1856 he married Martha Dunham, and has two surviving children, viz: Lena, wife of Jesse W. Miller, and J. H., a student at Mansfield State Normal School. For a few years after his marriage Mr. Miller followed agriculture, but in 1866 he embarked in merchandising at Millerton, which business he has successfully continued up to the present. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which society Mr. Miller takes an active interest. Though not a seeker after office, he has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs and has been honored by his party as a delegate to state conventions. He is one of the substantial and prosperous business men of the county.

WILLIAM GARRISON, a son of Justus and Phoebe (Barber) Garrison, was born November 8, 1808, and was one of the early settlers of Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, coming here a single man in 1833, where he later purchased a farm of 166 acres, and passed the remainder of his life in that township. He commenced in early manhood working at farm labor for \$8.00 a month, by which means he saved sufficient to make his first payment on his land. Through the passing years he accumulated considerable property in Jackson and Rutland townships, and was one of the prosperous farmers of the county. His wife, Harriet, was a daughter of Foster Updyke, of Jackson township, and bore him the following children: Nelson W., a farmer of Jackson township; Foster, a farmer of Sullivan township; Angeline, wife of E. D. Shepard, of Mansfield; Ransom E., deceased; William H., ex-county commissioner; Louisa, wife of William B. Ripley, of Richmond township; Nancy H., deceased; Chester, a resident of Jackson township; Reuben, a farmer of Jackson, and Ansall E., a resident of Rutland township. Mr. Garrison died upon his farm in Jackson township, in October, 1875. His wife survived until December, 1893.

WILLIAM H. GARRISON was born upon the homestead farm in Jackson township, Tioga county, May 11, 1843, and is a son of William Garrison. He was reared in his native township, there attended the public schools, and later entered the State Normal School at Mansfield. On September 10, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Wilderness, Cold Harbor, and other engagements, serving until the close of the war. He was discharged June 17, 1865, returned home and resumed work upon his father's farm. He has since devoted his principal attention to agriculture, and is one of the leading farmers of his native township. Mr. Garrison was married January 3, 1869, to Amelia N. Sturdevant, a daughter of William B. Sturdevant, of Jackson township, to which union have been born four children, three of whom survive, viz: Freeman C., who married Ada, daughter of Henry French, of Bradford county, has one child, Cecil, and lives upon his father's farm in Jackson; Alta L., and W. Ernest. Mrs. Garrison is a member of the Methodist Episcopal

church. In politics, Mr. Garrison is an ardent Republican, and has filled the offices of supervisor of Jackson township three years, assessor ten years, school director six years, and treasurer for two years. In the autumn of 1893 he was elected a county commissioner, which office he filled until the close of 1896. Mr. Garrison is a member of Seely Creek Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Charles W. Deming Post, G. A. R.; the Union Veteran Legion, and the Patrons of Husbandry, in all of which he takes an active interest.

STEPHEN MORRILL, SR., was a native of Maine, where he followed the carpenter's trade until late in life. He then removed to Madison county, New York, and about 1833 came to Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a veteran of the Revolution, and reared a family of eight children, as follows: Stephen, Asa, Jane, Mary, Bertha, Hiram, Jefferson and William, all of whom are dead.

STEPHEN MORRILL, JR., oldest son of Stephen Morrill, Sr., was born in Maine, September 28, 1796, and there grew to maturity. He served in the War of 1812. About 1824 he married Sophronia Frost, a daughter of Asa and Mary Frost, who bore him two children, George J. and Sophronia, both of whom are dead. Mrs. Morrill died about 1829, and he was again married to Sophronia Jackson, to which union were born ten children, as follows: Mary Ann, wife of Charles Hamilton, of Elmira; A. Jackson, of Chemung county, New York; Margaretta A., wife of W. R. Boyd, of Eddieville, Iowa; Lot W., of Jackson township; Jane, deceased; Josephine, wife of A. R. Ballard, of Denver, Colorado; Sophronia, wife of W. C. Mahurin, of Boston; William E., deceased; Orville B., and Charles S. About 1833 Mr. Morrill came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located on the farm in Jackson township now owned by his son, Lot W., cutting the first stick of timber on the place. Here he lived and reared his large family, giving them such educational advantages as the country then afforded. He became quite a prosperous farmer and accumulated considerable property, which enabled him to live a quiet, retired life in his declining years. Mr. Morrill was a Jacksonian Democrat, but never sought or would accept public office. During his business life he followed merchandising for a time, and also owned and ran a boat on the Erie canal. He died in 1881, one of the respected pioneers of the community, and is kindly remembered by the older citizens of the township.

LOT W. MORRILL, a son of Stephen and Sophronia (Jackson) Morrill, and grandson of Stephen Morrill, Sr., was born in Jackson township, Tioga county, in 1837, in an old log house on the Smith farm, familiarly known as the "Smith House." He was reared a farmer, attended the district schools in boyhood, and remained at home until twenty-five years of age. On December 31, 1861, he married Eliza U. Smith, a daughter of Herman Smith, of Southport, Chemung county, New York, and finally located on his present homestead, where he had spent his boyhood days. Mr. and Mrs. Morrill have an adopted son, Frank D., who is now a student at the Mansfield State Normal School, where he has won the confidence and respect of the faculty by his earnest, studious habits. They have also educated and fitted for a useful life Howard C. Morrill, who is station agent at Cedar Creek, but previously was a commercial traveler for a New York house. Mr. Morrill is a practical temperance man, an earnest worker in the cause, and a member of the Grand

Lodge, I. O. G. T. In connection with agriculture, he also carried on a crate factory, and several other enterprises claimed a part of his attention. He is recognized as one of the progressive citizens of the township.

JAMES FRIENDS came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in the twenties, and located near Lawrenceville, where he engaged in lumbering and farming. The country was then principally covered by the primitive forest, and he endured the usual privations and hardships of pioneer life. About 1836 he removed to Jackson township, and located on a farm still owned by his son, S. R. Here he spent the remaining years of his life, dying in 1880, and left a family of eight children to mourn his loss. In early life he was identified with the Democratic party, but on the organization of the Republican party he became one of its active supporters. Mr. Friends was a man of marked integrity, his word being always regarded as good as his bond.

S. R. FRIENDS was born in Steuben county, New York, in 1825, a son of James Friends, and came with his parents to Tioga county in early childhood. His boyhood was passed in Lawrenceville and Jackson township, and he remained at home until after his majority. He was then married to Mary Hogencamp, a daughter of Thomas Hogencamp, of Herkimer county, New York, and located on the farm near where he now lives. He settled in the woods, and was compelled to clear and improve his land, erect buildings, and make for himself a home in the wilderness. When the road was laid out through his farm, he assisted the surveyors to run the line, and supplied them with corn bread for food, the only kind he possessed at that time. He began life with two cows and a team of horses, but by hard and constant labor and strict attention to his affairs, he has accumulated a handsome property, and is now one of the substantial farmers of the township. He has reared a family of six sons and two daughters, all of whom are a credit to their parents. Mrs. Friends died February 10, 1896. Industry, honesty, morality and temperance have been the guiding principles of Mr. Friends' life. He early united with the Baptist church, but later joined the Reformed Baptist church, in which he now fills the offices of deacon and chairman. He has contributed liberally towards the erection of the present church building, and is one of the leading members of the society. In politics, he is an ardent Republican, and a staunch supporter of the principles and measures of that party. He is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

REUBEN MANN was born in Vermont. He came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, when his son, John H., was about four years old, and located on the farm where the latter now lives. Here he was engaged in farming and lumbering until his death. His wife died April 2, 1886. Both he and wife were earnest Christians and active workers in the church. Mr. Mann was scrupulously honest in all his dealings, and was respected by the people of his township. Mr. and Mrs. Mann were the parents of the following children: John H., of Jackson township; Jane, widow of Chauncey Mills, of Wisconsin; Mrs. Jeanette Cobban, deceased; Laura, wife of Albert Matthews, of Wisconsin; Jerome, deceased; Boardman, of Jackson township, and May, deceased.

JOHN H. MANN, eldest son of Reuben Mann, was born in Dummerston, Vermont, March 5, 1836, and remained at home until his marriage, August 14, 1865, to

Clara Friends, a daughter of George and Phoebe (Edsall) Friends. He purchased a part of the old homestead, on which he has since resided, and is now recognized as one of the substantial and enterprising farmers of the township. To Mr. and Mrs. Mann have been born two children, both of whom are dead. In politics, he is an adherent of the Republican party, but has never aspired to nor held office. Charitable and kind to the poor and needy, Mr. Mann is highly esteemed in the community. He is now enjoying the fruits of many years of industry and good management, and is regarded as one of the well-to-do citizens of the township.

HENRY TROWBRIDGE was born on the banks of the Kennebec river, at Clinton, Kennebec county, Maine, June 29, 1824, and there grew to manhood. In 1846 he came to Elmira, New York, where he was employed in running circular saws. While there he sent to Boston, at an expense of five dollars, and helped to purchase a steam railroad whistle, which he attached to a boiler at Hendy Hollow, near Elmira, completing the job at about four o'clock in the morning. When he pulled the valve, and the strange, startling sound aroused the people from their slumbers, they came to the mill in a hurry to learn what the trouble was, and were agreeably surprised to find themselves in no danger. In 1849 he married Sarah Jane Hunter, a native of Connecticut, and purchased the farm at Trowbridge, Jackson township, Tioga county, where he lived for forty-seven years. He was the first person in that vicinity to receive a deed for his property. In 1850 Mr. Trowbridge returned to Maine and brought out his father and three sisters to share his home in Tioga county. To Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, six of whom are living, viz: Henry O., Sarah A., Loren E., deceased; Roanna A., Fannie A., George E. and Samuel E., both deceased; Georgiana, Lemuel A., and Hannah Ettie, deceased. Mr. Trowbridge always took an active interest in educational matters, and was also a firm supporter of the government during the dark days of civil strife, sending a substitute to the army to assist in defending the flag. When the railroad was built through Jackson township, he deeded to the company a site for a station, as well as the right of way through his land, and in his honor the station was named Trowbridge. A postoffice was also established there bearing the same title, the only one in the United States of that name. When the question of dividing Tioga county was being agitated, Mr. Trowbridge was largely instrumental in defeating the scheme, securing 201 signers in opposition to it. He served as school director for nine years, and although not active in politics, always fulfilled the duties of a good citizen. He was kind and charitable to the poor and needy, and while enjoying the fruits of his early industry, he also enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the community up to his death, June 10, 1896.

RICHARD J. STILWELL was born in Rutland township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, a son of Clark Stilwell. His father was a native of Tompkins county, New York, and located at Daggett's Mills, where he engaged in lumbering, and later purchased a farm which he cleared and improved. He married Mary Searles, who had seven children: Marvin, Richard J., Sarah L., Herman C., Mary, Electus C. and Selina. He reared this large family, and died in 1878. Richard J. grew to manhood in his native township, obtaining a limited education in the common schools of the district. In 1854 he married Laura A. Everett, a daughter of William and Laura Everett, early settlers of the county. When Mr. Everett and

his wife first located in the dense forest, it was customary for his wife to carry a horn to notify her husband in case of being lost. She also often punched the burning log heap at night to make it blaze brightly, for the purpose of driving away the howling wolves that surrounded their lonely cabin. Mr. Everett was a manufacturer of shingles, also cleared up a farm, and aided in cutting a road through the forest from Millerton. After his marriage, Mr. Stilwell located near his father's home, in Rutland township, but in 1856 purchased his present farm, on which he has since resided. Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell are the parents of nine children, three sons and six daughters, viz: Emerson, Mary E., William, Frank, Elnore, Lena, Bell, Jessie and Anna L. The parents and most of the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. Stilwell is an active member of the Republican party, and has filled the office of township clerk for several terms. By industry and judicious management he has become one of the substantial citizens of the township, and is surrounded by the usual comforts which a successful life affords.

GEORGE M. HURD was born in Knoxville, Iowa, April 8, 1858, a son of Elijah S. and Nancy (Benson) Hurd, of Sullivan county, New York. His father was a son of Solomon Hurd, a hotel keeper of Warsaw, New York, and removed to Marion county, Iowa, in 1820. He was the first brick manufacturer of that State and demonstrated the fact that bricks could be made from the common clay of the soil of Iowa. Elijah S. Hurd was an honored and respected citizen of the State, and one of its representative men. In early life a Whig, he was identified with the Republican party from its formation, took a prominent part in the political history of the Territory of Iowa, and was one of the delegates that assisted in framing the state constitution. An ardent Abolitionist, his home was a station on the Underground Railroad, where many a fugitive slave was assisted in their flight for liberty. Mr. Hurd filled many offices, among others those of state senator and lieutenant governor of Iowa. He died in 1878, and his wife, in 1888. They reared four sons and three daughters. George M. was the second son and received his primary education in the schools of his native town. He later attended Central University, and graduated at Epworth Seminary in 1882. Becoming interested in the life insurance business, he organized a company at Dubuque, Iowa, in 1883, to do business in Iowa and Minnesota. He was a director in and manager of the company and resided in Dubuque one year. Removing to Minneapolis he organized the Citizens Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1885, which is yet doing business, and was an officer in the company until 1889. In that year he became interested in the American Building and Loan Association, of Minneapolis, with which he was identified for two years, when he disposed of his stock and removed to Chicago. Here he bought an interest in the American Investment Company of that city, of which he was elected treasurer, but at the end of one year he sold out and settled in Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Purchasing the old Everett homestead in Jackson township, he has since so improved it as to make it one of the model farms in the county. In the autumn of 1891 he went to California, where he became interested in the Pacific States Savings and Loan Company. After an absence of one year he returned to his home, and in May, 1893, organized the Elmira Mutual Building and Loan Association, which has since done a large business in this locality. He was a director in and manager of this company up to 1895 when he resigned and became connected with the

Guarantee Savings, Loan and Investment Company, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Hurd was married August 14, 1884, to Mary E. Stilwell, a daughter of Richard J. Stilwell, of Jackson township, Tioga county. Five children have been born to this union, viz: Walter E., Jerome S., George Ralph, Victor Hugo and Mary E.

PUTNAM C. SISSON, a son of Theodore H. and Nancy A. (Eggleston) Sisson, of Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, was born in that township on November 13, 1852. He attended the common schools of his neighborhood, and lived with his parents until after his majority. On May 22, 1883, he married Carrie E. Rockwell, a daughter of Philander W. and Salina S. (Palmer) Rockwell, of Covington township, and located on a part of a tract of land which his father had purchased, and has cleared and improved the same. He has since given his attention to general farming, in which he has been fairly successful, with the exception of four years that he was engaged in the lumber business at Williamsport, where he removed in the spring of 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Sisson are the parents of two children, Ivan R. and Lina E. They are members of the Disciples church, of Williamsport, and take an active part in church and Sunday-school work at Jackson Summit, where they now reside. They were formerly connected with Jackson Summit Lodge, I. O. G. T., which has since passed out of existence. In politics, Mr. Sisson is a Republican. He was a member of Seely Creek Lodge, I. O. O. F., and later a charter member of Jackson Summit Lodge, of the same society. He is also connected with Mitchell's Mills Grange, No. 912, P. of H., in all of which societies he takes an active interest.

ALFRED B. HAZEN was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, March 11, 1837, a son of James R. and Roxy Ann (Reed) Hazen. When he was about seven years old his parents removed to Tioga county, New York, where he grew to manhood, receiving a common school education. He subsequently engaged in the manufacture of lumber in that county, which business he continued until the breaking out of the war. On November 1, 1855, he married Rachel A. Leonard, a daughter of Robert Leonard, of Tioga county, New York, who has borne him two children, viz: William H., born June 7, 1856, and died April 19, 1865, and Stella A., born October 8, 1858, now the wife of Henry Friends, of Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hazen enlisted in Company G, Fifth New York Cavalry, December 23, 1861, and served with the Army of the Potomac and in the Shenandoah valley. He was wounded in the leg at Brandy Station, in June, 1862, and in the right arm at Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864. He was in hospital on account of these wounds about one month after each occurred. He participated in all of the battles in which his regiment was engaged up to the close of the war, and was discharged at York, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1865. Returning to his home in Tioga county, New York, he removed in the spring of 1866 to Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he had purchased a farm the previous autumn, on which his son-in-law, Henry Friends, now lives. Mr. Hazen cleared and improved this property, and now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Friends, whose husband has charge of the farm. Mrs. Hazen died December 24, 1888. Mr. Hazen is a Republican, and has filled the office of township supervisor. He is a member of Millerton Lodge, No. 935, I. O. O. F., of Millerton, and of Jackson Encampment, No. 31, I. O. O. F., of Daggetts. He is also connected with Charles W. Deming Post, No. 476, G. A. R.,

of Millerton; with Mitchell's Mills Grange, No. 912, and Pomona Grange, No. 30, of Wellsboro.

BENJAMIN O. WHEELER was born in Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1825, but went to Caton township, Steuben county, New York, in youth, and lived there until 1874. He then returned to Jackson township, and settled on the farm still owned by his son, Marion H. He followed farming as a life vocation. On November 8, 1846, he married Armeta, a daughter of William and Hannah (Kelley) Strock, then residents of Orange county, New York, but later of Caton. Three children were born to this union, as follows: Amanda M., who died at the age of fourteen; Marion H. and Jason C, both residents of Jackson township. Mr. Wheeler and wife were originally members of the Free Baptist church, but in their later years became Adventists. He died February 14, 1878, and his wife, September 12, 1894.

MARION H. WHEELER, eldest son of Benjamin O. Wheeler, was born in Caton township, Steuben county, New York, October 26, 1851. He attended the common schools of his district, and lived with his parents on the farm until after his majority. On September 10, 1873, he married Mrs. Esther Millard, widow of William Millard, and daughter of William and Hannah (Hudson) Rathbun, of Collinsville, Connecticut. She was the mother of two children by her first marriage, viz: Ida A., deceased, and Effie A., who lives at home. There has been no issue by her present marriage. In 1874 Mr. Wheeler moved to an unimproved farm in Jackson township, Tioga county, belonging to his wife, where they have since lived. He has cleared and improved the land, erected substantial buildings, and brought the farm under general cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are members of Mitchell's Mills Grange, No. 912, P. of H., of which he has been a trustee two years, during which time the present Grange Hall property was purchased.

HARRY T. GRAVES, editor of the *Millerton Advocate*, was born at Covington, Tioga county, March 26, 1847, and is the eldest son of Thomas Graves. He was educated in the common schools of his native town and assisted his father in the hotel business at Covington during his boyhood days. In October, 1862, he enlisted in Battery G, Third Pennsylvania Artillery, and re-enlisted April 2, 1864, in accordance with the general order so allowing, in Company E, One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, then being organized. He was wounded at Fort Darling, May 16, 1864, but participated with his regiment in the battles of Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, Mine Explosion, Fair Oaks, Fort Harrison, Chapin's Farm and other engagements, and was discharged at Lynchburg, Virginia, November 13, 1865, with the rank of sergeant, his term of enlistment having expired and the war ended. Mr. Graves opened a job printing office in Blossburg in 1868, and January 1, 1870, issued the first number of the *Blossburg Register*, his brother, Fred, now editor of the *Tioga Argus*, being connected with him in its publication after the first three issues, under the firm name of Graves Brothers. The office was destroyed by fire in 1873, but within three weeks the paper was again issued with new material. He remained in the *Register* office until the fall of 1876, when he sold out and removed to Covington. In October, 1877, he resurrected the *Millerton Advocate*. There was no material of any value in the office, and his first issue was

printed at Tioga. He put in a newspaper and job press, and for nearly twenty years has issued the *Advocate* regularly and enjoys a good circulation. Mr. Graves is a member of Deming Post, No. 476, G. A. R., in which he filled the position of commander four successive terms from date of charter; is also a member of Wellsboro Encampment, No. 105, U. V. L., and Millerton Lodge, No. 935, I. O. O. F. On December 23, 1871, he married Maggie A. Doud, of Covington, who died January 15, 1890. Three children were born to this union. The eldest, Nellie, died in August, 1890; Harry D., died February 9, 1894, and Fritz K. survives. Mr. Graves is an ardent Democrat, and one of the well-known newspaper men of Tioga county.

DANIEL N. LUCY was born at Big Flats, Chemung county, New York, in 1865, and attended the public schools of his native place. At the age of seventeen he began working at the trade of a painter and finisher of hard woods, which business he followed in Elmira, New York, for a period of eight years. He then located in Millerton, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he conducted a general store for a few years, and then resumed his former business. Mr. Lucy became a member of Millerton Lodge, No. 935, I. O. O. F., in 1893, has passed through the several chairs, and is now chief officer of the lodge. In all matters pertaining to the order he takes a deep interest, and is one of the working members of the society. In politics, he is a Republican.

JAMES R. SHELDON was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, July 3, 1845, a son of Charles and Mary Ann (Roloson) Sheldon, natives of New Jersey, and of Holland descent. His father was a blacksmith in early life and later a farmer. In 1864 the family located at Aspinwall Corners, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where the mother died. The father died in Elmira. They were the parents of six children, viz: James R., George, William, Ellen, Martha A., and Laura Ann. The subject of this sketch was educated in New Jersey, and has devoted his principal attention to farming. He purchased a farm of 130 acres in Jackson township, which he cleared and improved, but now resides in Millerton. Mr. Sheldon is interested in the Keystone Suspension Fence, which he manufactures and sells principally in Tioga county. He claims it is one of the best, cheapest and most satisfactory fences in the market. Mr. Sheldon was married in Troy, Bradford county, to Helen M. Soper, a daughter of George W. Soper. They are the parents of three children, named as follows: Grace B., wife of Charles Satterlee; Walton C., and Leah M. In April, 1865, Mr. Sheldon enlisted in the Union army, but was soon after honorably discharged on account of sickness. In politics, he is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in public affairs. He is one of the well-known business men of the community in which he lives.

CHAPTER LXIV.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP AND MANSFIELD BOROUGH—SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP AND MAINESBURG—RUTLAND TOWNSHIP.

REV. NEHEMIAH HOBART RIPLEY was born in Massachusetts, May 5, 1771, and removed to the vicinity of Albany, New York, whence he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, and settled in Richmond township, on Corey creek, about a mile and a half east of Mansfield. Here, in 1836, he built a saw-mill, where the Elijah Pincheon Clark mill afterwards stood. Mr. Ripley was credited with being the first minister of the gospel to settle in Richmond township. Before coming to this county he married Lucy Ball, who bore him a family of eleven children. His second wife was Sally Shaw, a daughter of Joshua Shaw. Mr. Ripley was ordained a Baptist minister, and preached for that denomination nearly fifteen years, then became a Universalist, and continued to preach the doctrines of that faith until his death, September 16, 1847.

PHILIP S. RIPLEY was born near Albany, New York, March 24, 1812, and was a son of Nehemiah Hobart and Lucy Ripley. He came with his parents to Richmond township, Tioga county, in 1815, and there grew to manhood. When he was twenty-one years of age he bought the farm upon which his son, Roswell P., now resides, where he lived until 1892, when he retired from active work and took up his residence in Mansfield. Here he died, April 14, 1895, aged eighty-three years. On December 28, 1837, Mr. Ripley was united in marriage to Lorena Webster, second daughter of Roswell Webster, a native of Connecticut, who settled in Sullivan township, Tioga county, at an early day. Mrs. Ripley was born June 24, 1817, and became the mother of the following children: Hobart, a resident of Glensted, Missouri; Homer J., of Sullivan township; Ezra, a resident of Oneida county, New York; Joel, deceased; Lucy A., deceased wife of Joseph B. Rumsey; Volney, Roswell P. and Charles Creson, all residents of Richmond township; Philander W., who lives in Scranton, and Bertha J., deceased. Mrs. Ripley died June 3, 1888, and he was again married, to Mrs. Eliza Miller, widow of Elias Miller, who survives him. In politics, he was a Republican, and in religion, a stanch Universalist. He was known for his moral rectitude, steadfastness of character, and devotion to friends and family.

CAPT. HOMER J. RIPLEY was born near Mansfield, Tioga county, December 8, 1839, and lived and worked on his father's farm until he reached man's estate. He was educated in the district schools and at Mansfield Seminary. In the summers of 1858-59, he assisted in laying brick in the erection of the Seminary building at Mansfield, and in 1860 did similar work upon the jail in Wellsboro. In the winter of 1861 he entered the store of A. J. & E. R. Webster, of Mainesburg, where he

clerked until the spring of 1862, and then entered Binghamton Commercial College. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Fourteenth United States Infantry, then a part of the First Brigade, Second Division, Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac. In September, 1864, he was promoted to sergeant, and in November was made commissary sergeant. Having passed an examination for promotion before General Casey's board, he was commissioned second and first lieutenant, successively, in the Fourteenth regiment, in June, 1865. Soon afterwards he was made adjutant, and left New York harbor with his regiment in November, 1865, for California. The command reached Camp Goodwin, Arizona, in May, 1866, and in July the Third Battalion of the Fourteenth became the Thirty-second United States Infantry. He was promoted captain in the new regiment on September 15, 1867, and commanded at Camp Bowie, Arizona, until July, 1869, when he took a leave of absence for a visit home, and was married November 1, 1869, to Adalena Rumsey, a daughter of Aaron Rumsey, of Sullivan township. In February, 1870, Captain Ripley was assigned to duty as commissary for the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians, at Camp Supply, Indian Territory, and resigned from the service January 1, 1871. Upon his return to civil life Captain Ripley engaged in merchandising at Mansfield, subsequently located on a farm, but seven years later again embarked in mercantile business at Mainesburg. He closed his store at the latter place in January, 1888, to enter upon his duties as register and recorder, in which office he served three consecutive terms, and then settled on his farm in Sullivan township. He is a member of Mansfield Post, No. 48, G. A. R., and is also connected with the I. O. O. F., and the F. & A. M. societies. Captain Ripley is an ardent Republican, and one of the most prominent, popular and active members of his party in Tioga county.

VOLNEY RIPLEY was born on the old homestead in Richmond township, Tioga county, October 5, 1843, a son of Philip S. and Lorena Ripley. He was reared on the farm, and has made farming his life occupation. In the fall of 1864 he enlisted in Company K, Two Hundred and Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battle of White Oak Road. In July, 1865, he removed to Oneida county, New York, purchased a farm, and lived there until January, 1867, when he traded it for his present place of 100 acres, in the eastern part of Richmond township. On January 9, 1866, Mr. Ripley married Ameda Rumsey, a daughter of Aaron and Aurilla Rumsey, and has two children, Maude A. and Adeline May. He is a Republican, in politics, and a Baptist, in religion. He has served as school director of his district, and is connected with Mansfield Lodge, No. 526, I. O. O. F., also with Mansfield Post, No. 48, G. A. R. Mr. Ripley is one of the prominent farmers of the township, and is highly respected in the community where most of his life has been spent.

ELIJAH PINCHEON CLARK was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1807, a son of Elijah and Lydia (Mixer) Clark. His father was born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, in 1783, married Lydia Mixer in 1803, and came to Tioga county in 1806. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Richmond township. His first wife died in 1833, and in 1835 he married Mrs. Hannah Jackson. He died January 5, 1864, aged eighty-one years. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in his native township, and followed farming and lumbering. On October 20, 1834, he married Fanny Fitzgerald, a native of Orange county, New York,

born December 28, 1803. The following children were born to this union: Daniel E., who died in Whitewater, Wisconsin, July 28, 1863; Warren M., a contractor and builder, of Waverly, New York; Frank W., a lawyer, of Mansfield; J. Miller, proprietor of the Corey Creek Stock and Dairy Farm, former superintendent of the State Orphan School at Hartford, Pennsylvania, and now superintendent of the State Industrial School at Scotland, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and Myron S., who died in 1865. Mrs. Clark died April 11, 1873, and in 1879 Mr. Clark married Mrs. Eliza Randall. He died October 27, 1884.

JOHN KELTS, a native of the Mohawk valley, New York, came to Tioga county, about 1804, with his brothers, Peter and Jacob, and settled on the site of Mansfield, being the first permanent settlers at that place. About 1813 he married Abigail Button, who became the mother of the following children: Sobrine, of Richmond township; Jerusha, deceased wife of Seth Rumsey; Mary Ann, widow of Shippen Eastman, of Lawrenceville; Edgar, a resident of Lawrenceville; Jacob, who resides in Westfield; John, deceased; Finley, who lives at Hornellsville, New York, and Horace, who lives in Knoxville. Mr. Kelts died in Knoxville at the age of eighty-five years.

SOBRINE KELTS, eldest son of John and Abigail Kelts, was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, December 6, 1814, and is the oldest living person born within the limits of that borough. He was reared on his father's farm and endured the usual privations of pioneer life. On August 27, 1837, he married Susan Middaugh, a daughter of Joseph Middaugh, who settled in Lawrence township in 1806, on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Knapp. Eight children have been born to this union, viz: Victor Leroy, deceased, who served in Company G, Fifty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Maryland, May 12, 1863; Alexander Hamilton, a member of Company D, same regiment, who was killed at Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862; Isabel, wife of Valentine Reep; Catherine, widow of Daniel Clark; Della, wife of Horace Reep; Horace, a resident of Mansfield; Sarah, wife of Sperry Richmond, and Ida, wife of George W. Lenox. In politics, Mr. Kelts is a Republican, and is one of the oldest native born citizens in the county.

JUSTUS B. CLARK was born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, February 4, 1800, a son of Seth and Eleanor (Burr) Clark. His father was a soldier under Washington in the Revolution. When Justice B. was six years of age, his parents removed to Vermont, and in 1814, came to Tioga county and settled in the Tioga River valley, below Mansfield. A few years later they removed to a farm on Corey creek, two miles east of Mansfield. In 1821 Justus B. was married to Catherine Hart, who was born May 25, 1805. The following children were born to this union: John, Julia, who married Albert Sherwood; Lucinda, who married Lyman Beach; Justus B., Nancy, who married Hiram Middaugh; Daniel and Amanda, both deceased, and Morris B. Mrs. Clark died October 7, 1872, and her husband, June 24, 1892. He was a typical pioneer and backwoodsman, and in early manhood spent much of his time on the chase, hunting the wild animals that then so thickly infested this region. He was a man of rugged physique and capable of great endurance, and retained his powers of mind and memory up to the time of his death, at the remarkable age of ninety-two years.

JUSTUS B. CLARK, JR., son of Justus B. and Catherine Clark, was born in

Richmond township, Tioga county, June 5, 1832, was reared on the homestead farm, on Corey creek, and obtained a common school education. On June 5, 1856, he married Susan H. Lucas, a daughter of James and Phoebe Lucas, who bore him two sons, Lyman, deceased, and George A., now a resident of Mansfield. Mrs. Clark died July 19, 1890, and he was again married, to Mary N. Johnson, nee Klock, widow of Henry Johnson, by whom he has one son, Lee Earl. In the fall of 1861 Mr. Clark enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the regiment was discharged, participating in the various battles in which it took part. He entered the service as a private, and by successive promotions, for meritorious conduct, reached the rank of second lieutenant before he was mustered out of service. He was taken prisoner with his company at Plymouth, North Carolina, in April, 1864, and was confined in Andersonville and other southern prisons until February, 1865. In 1866 he bought his present farm of 275 acres, in the southeast part of Richmond township. From 1881 to 1885 he was engaged in the general mercantile business in Mansfield with his son, George A. In 1891 he established the Mansfield Carriage Repository, of which his son had charge, retiring to his farm in 1892. Mr. Clark is a stanch Republican, and is also a member of Mansfield Post, G. A. R., and of Sullivan Grange, of Mainesburg. He has served as a school director, and has been one of the trustees of the State Normal School for a number of years. In religion, he is an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church.

GEORGE A. CLARK, son of Justus B. Clark, Jr., and Susan H. (Lucas) Clark, was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, August 4, 1859, was reared on the homestead farm, and received his education at Mansfield State Normal School and Allen's Business College. From 1881 to 1885 he was a member of the firm of J. B. Clark & Son, general merchants. In 1886 he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, and engaged in the real estate and brokerage business, under the firm name of Abbott & Clark. In 1889, owing to the serious illness of his mother, he sold his western interests, returned to Mansfield, and later took charge of the carriage repository established by his father, purchasing the same in 1895. The business consists of dealing in carriages, wagons, harness, agricultural implements and machinery. On September 30, 1881, Mr. Clark married Fredrika B., daughter of Henry and Jean M. Allen, of Mansfield, who has borne him two children, viz: Frederic Blaine, deceased, and Irme Audrie. In politics, Mr. Clark is a Republican. He is treasurer of Mansfield Lodge, No. 5, S. F. I.

DANIEL HOLDEN was born in Barre, Massachusetts, September 1, 1784. In 1809 he married Lydia Lownsbury, and they became the parents of nine children, viz: Eliza, wife of Martin Stratton, of Blossburg; Lucy, deceased wife of Robert Bailey; Daniel L., born February 10, 1814, and died June 17, 1892; Isaac, born August 13, 1816, and died March 8, 1893; DeWitt Clinton, born October 14, 1818, and died in 1872; John A., born December 20, 1821, now the oldest native-born resident of Mansfield; George R., a resident of Charleston township; Horace W., a druggist of Elmira, New York, and Reuben N., a resident of Reed City, Michigan. A few years after his marriage, Mr. Holden removed to Albany, New York, where he kept a hotel. In 1819 he came to Tioga county and located at Canoe Camp, removing to Mansfield the following year. He settled on the land now owned by

P. V. VanNess and D. H. Pitts. In 1826 he built a store opposite his residence, the first one in the village, where he carried on business up to his death, September 4, 1830. His widow and son, Daniel L., continued the business until 1834. At the time of his death he also owned a store in Sylvania, and was a partner with Thomas K. Mitchell in one at Mitchell's Creek. He was a man of great energy and enterprise, and occupied a prominent place among the pioneers. His widow died in 1874, aged eighty-three years.

ISAAC HOLDEN was born in Albany, New York, August 13, 1816, a son of Daniel Holden, and came with his parents to Tioga county in 1819. He grew to manhood in Mansfield, and March 4, 1841, married Lydia Phelps, a native of Chenango county, New York. Her parents came to Tioga county in 1827, and settled at Beecher's Island, where she grew to maturity. She became the mother of six children, as follows: Delos W. and Ada C., both of whom died in childhood; Charles A., of Mansfield; Addie, wife of George Dorsett, of Jersey Shore; Carrie, and Eva, wife of Leonard Grover, of Buffalo. Mr. Holden was in the grocery business in Mansfield before the war, but subsequently engaged in farming. He died March 8, 1893. Politically, he was a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES A. HOLDEN, oldest son of Isaac Holden, was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, December 30, 1849. He was educated in the common schools and the State Normal School. After arriving at manhood, he gained a practical knowledge of business as a clerk in Mansfield and Blossburg. On August 12, 1879, he embarked in business for himself in Mansfield, where he opened a fruit and confectionery store, which he has successfully conducted up to the present. Mr. Holden married Catherine A. Dorsett, a daughter of P. R. and Sophronia Dorsett, of Mansfield.

JOHN A. HOLDEN was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1821, and is a son of Daniel and Lydia (Lownsbery) Holden. He received such education as the common schools afforded, and in early manhood learned the carpenter's trade with his brother-in-law, Martin Stratton, of Blossburg. He worked in the latter place about two years, from 1840 to 1842, and then returned to Mansfield. Up to 1860 he had either built or helped build over one-half of the houses then in Mansfield. In 1861 he went to Fall Brook and worked two years, putting up buildings there. He again returned to Mansfield, which has since been his home. In 1880 he had charge of the work on the public school building of Mansfield. In 1885-86 he built his present home and the house adjoining, since which time he has lived retired. He is now the oldest resident of Mansfield born within the borough limits. On May 24, 1848, Mr. Holden married Betsey Davis, a daughter of Capt. Ezra and Betsey (Walker) Davis, natives of New Hampshire, and early settlers in Mansfield. Mrs. Holden was born in Londonderry, Vermont, December 14, 1825, and came with her parents to Mansfield in the spring of 1838. To Mr. and Mrs. Holden have been born the following named children: Josephine Adelia, wife of Asa L. Wilcox, of Canoe Camp; Nellie, deceased; Daniel Alfred, a resident of Pittsburg, and Lydia Delphine, wife of Frank Wright, of the same city. In politics, Mr. Holden was originally a Democrat, then a Free Soiler, and has been a Republican since the organization of that party. He was the second burgess of Mans-

field, has been constable, and has served six terms as assessor, and eighteen years as school director.

LIEUT. JACOB ALLEN was born in Massachusetts, in 1763. He served as aide-de-camp to his father at the beginning of the Revolution, and after his father's death in battle, he continued in the service until the close of the war. He was married in his native State and became the father of seven children. In 1818 he removed to Tioga county and settled on the old Elijah Clark farm, in Richmond township, where he died December 11, 1836.

ALMON ALLEN, second son of Jacob Allen, was born in Massachusetts, in 1798. He married Polly Bates, to which union were born seven children, Fordyce Almon, being the eldest. He came to Mansfield with his family in 1822, from Cummington, Massachusetts, and in 1824 he and his brother-in-law, Solon Richards, erected a woolen factory in the village, which they operated several years and then sold. After living for some years in Ohio, Massachusetts, and Chautauqua county, New York, Mr. Allen returned to Mansfield, where he spent the remaining years of his life. He died in 1871, aged seventy-three years.

PROF. FORDYCE ALMON ALLEN, eldest son of Almon Allen, and grandson of Lieut. Jacob Allen, was born in Cummington, Massachusetts, July 10, 1820, and was two years old when his parents settled in Mansfield. As a boy, he attended the old plank school house near the railroad bridge, on Wellsboro street. His youth and early manhood were spent in Ohio, Massachusetts, and Chautauqua county, New York. While in Massachusetts he learned the clothier's trade. At nineteen years of age he began life for himself, clerking in Coudersport, Potter county, where he remained until 1844, clerking, attending school and teaching. He next attended the classical school at Alexandria, New York, one year. In 1845 he married Sarah Caldwell, of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, to which union was born one son, Clarence E., now of Elmira. From 1845 to 1848 he taught in the public schools of Jamestown, New York. In the latter year his wife died. He next filled the position of principal of the Fredonia High School, Fredonia, New York, for two years and a half, resigning on account of ill health, upon the recovery of which he accepted the principalship of the academy at Smethport, Pennsylvania. On December 22, 1852, Professor Allen married Jane M., a daughter of Alexander and Eveline Martin, of McKean county, Pennsylvania, to which marriage were born four children, two of whom survive: Frederick M. and Stella R. In 1853 Professor Allen became editor of the *McKean Citizen*, and the following year he was elected superintendent of schools of McKean county, the first to hold that office, which he filled until the spring of 1858, when he established a normal school at West Chester, Pennsylvania, of which he was principal six years. In July, 1864, he came to Mansfield and took charge of the State Normal School, and was principal of that institution five years. He established the Soldiers' Orphan School in the autumn of 1867, the management of which he retained until his death. In the fall of 1877 he again became principal of the State Normal School at Mansfield, being elected for a term of five years, and while still occupying that position, he died at his home in that borough, February 11, 1880. It was as a conductor of teachers' institutes, however, that Professor Allen achieved his greatest reputation. So successful was he in this department of normal school work, that his services were in constant demand in all parts of the

country. He devoted one winter to holding institutes in Wisconsin, and the summers of 1869 and 1870 to the same work in Maine. In the spring of 1871 he held institutes in Vermont, New Orleans, and Mississippi, and in 1876 in Virginia. In 1879 he made a trip to California, and on the way home held institutes in Kansas. In early life Professor Allen was an Abolitionist, and supported James G. Birney for the presidency, and later cast his fortunes with the Republican party. In religion, he was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. His widow, who still occupies the family home in Mansfield, treasures among her most valued possessions the large and well-selected library which her husband collected during his life. Professor Allen was not only a leader in educational work, but was a powerful moral force in the community. He was strongly opposed to the liquor traffic, and bent his energies towards having it so far suppressed as to prohibit its sale within a certain distance of the State Normal School. His untimely death caused general sorrowing, for he was loved and respected by old and young. His ever cheerful smile and encouraging words were an inspiration to all, and few educators could develop the higher qualities in youth to a greater degree than he. So closely identified was Professor Allen with the leading interests of Mansfield, that he is still remembered as one of its most progressive, useful and public-spirited men. As a Christian, friend, husband and father he was above reproach. He lived close to Nature's great heart, which enabled him to understand the hearts of others and teach them the purer, nobler paths of life that alone lead to happiness and contentment.

LORIN BUTTS was born in Windham county, Connecticut, October 28, 1796, there grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade. On May 5, 1819, he married Harriet Hyde, a native of the same county, born April 18, 1800. In the fall of 1829 he removed to Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he built the Presbyterian church, said to be the first church building erected in the county outside of Wellsboro. In February, 1833, he removed to Richmond township and settled on a farm now within the borough limits of Mansfield, on which stood a small house and a log barn. In the summer of 1854 he built the present residence of his daughter, Byrissa B. Butts, where he died August 16, 1874. His wife died June 17, 1837. She was the mother of six children, as follows: Byrissa B., of Mansfield; Harriet, who died October 4, 1847; Jean M., deceased wife of Henry Allen, deceased; Lucy A., widow of Spencer McIntyre, of Blossburg; Dyer J., of Mansfield, and Lorin Hyde, who resides in New York City. Mr. Butts was an elder in the Presbyterian church and a tireless, enthusiastic worker in both church and Sunday-school. By his personal example and efforts, he did much to forward the cause of religion and morality, and was especially prominent in temperance work. His wife, too, was an earnest and devoted Christian, and was active in the charitable work of the church. During the dark days of the Rebellion, he was ever loyal and devoted to the government and sent two sons into the army to assist in defending the Union. In politics, Mr. Butts was a Republican, served five years as a justice of the peace, and also held various other township offices. He was practically the founder of Friendship Lodge, No. 274, F. & A. M., and an active and conscientious Mason.

BYRISSA B. BUTTS, oldest child of Lorin Butts, was born in Canterbury, Wind-

ham county, Connecticut, March 31, 1820. When nine years of age she came with her parents to Lawrenceville, Tioga county, and four years later to Mansfield. Her mother died when Byrissa B. was seventeen years of age, and the care of the younger children fell upon her. She has remained unmarried, was the companion of her father during the declining years of his life, and now occupies the old homestead on South Main street, in Mansfield. This and the fifty acres of land adjoining she owns and manages. Though advanced in years, she is still vigorous and active, and gives her personal attention to the management of her property. Her memory of events and incidents connected with the earlier history of the township and borough is clear and accurate. She is known in the community as a very charitable woman, who is always kind and helpful to the poor and needy—a woman whose enterprise, public spirit and charity are well known in the Tioga valley, where she has lived for almost seventy years.

APOLLOS PITTS, son of Hanover and Mollie (Cudworth) Pitts, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1810, and spent his early years in that township, with the exception of a few years after his mother's death that he lived with a family named Reynolds, in Hector, New York. His opportunities for obtaining an education were limited to the pioneer schools of that period, and he was reared to habits of industry and economy. On May 10, 1832, he married Phoebe M. Mudge, a daughter of Aaron Mudge, an early settler of Sullivan township, who bore him a family of eight children, four of whom are living, viz: Pembroke P., a resident of Belmont, New York; Mrs Mary P. Smith, of Osawatomie, Kansas; Daniel H. and John F. The deceased are: Charles M., Aaron M., Emma Josephine, who married J. W. Bailey, and Lucinda H., who married J. S. Murdough. In 1837 Mr. Pitts came to Mansfield, and engaged in mercantile business; was also postmaster of that borough, and filled the office of justice of the peace so many years that he was always addressed as 'Squire Pitts. He was instrumental in building the Seminary and served as a trustee. He finally settled on a farm east of Mansfield, since known as the Voorhees place, and lived there many years, farming, lumbering and operating a saw-mill. In 1855 he sold this place and bought a farm four miles southeast of Mansfield. Here he lived until 1865, when he bought the next farm below, now owned and occupied by his son, John F. Pitts. On this he resided until his death, March 9, 1895. His wife died in December, 1873. A life-long Democrat, he was as faithful to the principles of his party during the long years since it lost its ascendancy in this county, as when it was the majority party, and never missed an opportunity of recording his convictions at the polls, his last visit to Mansfield being on election day, in November, 1894.

CAPT. AARON MUDGE PITTS, son of Apollos Pitts, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, October 27, 1834, and came with his parents to Mansfield in 1837. He was educated at the common schools, the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, New York, and Mansfield Classical Seminary. In 1858 he removed to Doniphan county, Kansas, and while residing there served as constable and deputy sheriff. On August 10, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Seventh Kansas Cavalry, and rose by successive promotions until he was commissioned captain of Company D, in 1862. He served principally in Mississippi and Tennessee, and was highly complimented by the commanding general for discipline and gallantry. In 1865

he was stationed at St. Louis as a member of the court martial board, and was honorably discharged with the regiment at Fort Leavenworth in September of that year. The following December he returned to Mansfield, and in February, 1866, went into the mercantile business with J. S. Murdough and his brother, D. H. Pitts, the firm being Murdough & Pitts Brothers. In 1869 the firm became Pitts Brothers, and so continued until 1879, when Aaron M. withdrew and embarked in the lumber and real estate business. He later engaged in the sale of agricultural implements and buying grain, which he continued until failing health compelled him to retire. Captain Pitts was married May 1, 1866, to Fannie A. Bixby, a daughter of Amos and Lydia G. (Sheffield) Bixby. She was born in Yonkers, New York, May 4, 1839, and came to Mansfield with her parents in 1844. Two children were born of this union, viz: Harriet, wife of Rev. Charles K. Newell, a resident of Big Flats, New York, and Wayne A., a merchant of Mansfield. Though a life-long Democrat, Captain Pitts was proud of having voted for Lincoln in 1864. He was a trustee of the Mansfield State Normal for many years, and was a prominent member of the G. A. R. and the Tioga Valley Grange. He died October 2, 1891. For over quarter of a century he was one of the leading citizens of Mansfield, noted for his energy, enterprise and public spirit.

DANIEL H. PITTS, son of Apollos Pitts, was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, May 11, 1839, and was educated in the common schools and Mansfield Classical Seminary. After leaving school he worked on the homestead farm until April, 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Fifth Pennsylvania Reserve, and served with his regiment until June, 1864. Among other battles, he participated in the Seven Days' Fight before Richmond and the battles of the Wilderness, where he was wounded in the right arm. After his discharge from the service, he became sutler of the Seventh Kansas Cavalry, and continued as such until the close of the war, when he returned to Mansfield. In February, 1866, he became a member of the firm of Murdough & Pitts Brothers, which three years later was changed to Pitts Brothers. In 1879 his brother, Aaron M., withdrew, and Frank Hart acquiring an interest, the firm then became D. H. Pitts & Company. A short time afterwards Mr. Pitts purchased Mr. Hart's interest, and has since carried on the business alone, his store now being the leading mercantile establishment in Mansfield. January 4, 1870, he married Jennie Bodine, a daughter of Frederick Bodine, to which union have been born three children, viz: Clyde D., Eva B. and Lew F. In politics, Mr. Pitts is a Democrat, and has served as burgess, member of the council, and school director. As a business man, his career has been one of uninterrupted success, and he justly ranks as one of the leading citizens of his native county. His store stands upon the spot where he was born, and the large business which he has built up is the most enduring and appropriate monument that it could bear to mark the growth and development of the town. Mr. Pitts has been a warm friend of the State Normal School, and has served for many years as a member and president of the board of trustees. He has taken an active interest in local and national politics, and has been a delegate to many county conventions. In 1888 he was a delegate from this congressional district to the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis that re-nominated Grover Cleveland for the presidency.

JOHN F. PITTS was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, July 3, 1849,

and is the youngest living child of Apollos Pitts. He was reared on a farm, and was educated in the common schools of his township. When twenty-one years of age, he purchased one-half of the old homestead, and in 1891 bought the other half, making a farm of 300 acres, located a short distance southeast of Mansfield. In December, 1871, Mr. Pitts married Sarah J. Baker, a daughter of Russell Baker, of Charleston township, and has four children, viz: Mary E., Raymond D., Josephine M. and Arthur H. Mr. Pitts gave his whole attention to farming until his election, in November, 1893, to the office of county commissioner. His term expired January 1, 1897, since which time he has devoted himself to his farm. He had previously served as supervisor of Richmond township, in 1889 and 1890. Like his father, Mr. Pitts has been a life-long Democrat, and is a staunch supporter of Democratic principles. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the family adhere to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Pitts is not only one of the leading farmers of his township, but is one of the substantial, enterprising and progressive citizens of his native county.

AMOS BIXBY was born in Windham county, Vermont, and was reared in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania. He was a son of Darius and Rachel (Smith) Bixby, natives of Vermont. In January, 1836, he was married in Earlville, New York, to Lydia G. Sheffield, and in 1844 came to Mansfield, Tioga county. He first engaged in the lumber and general merchandising business, and in building canal boats at a yard northeast of the borough bridge crossing Tioga river. He later became a railroad contractor and built several sections of the New York and Erie road, being also engaged in track laying on that and the Northern Central. He built and operated the plaster and paint-mill at the south line of what is now Mansfield borough; also a saw-mill on the same site. In connection with the mills was a farm on which he resided for ten years preceding his death. Mr. Bixby was a staunch Whig and later a Republican. He was greatly interested in the varying fortunes of the Mansfield Seminary, now the State Normal School, and served many terms as a trustee. He also filled the office of county commissioner for two years, resigning in 1862 on account of ill health. He died August 4, 1862, leaving a wife, one son and two daughters. His wife died in 1881. The children are as follows: Joseph Newell, who died in 1895; Fannie A., widow of Capt. A. M. Pitts, and Harriet M., who died in 1863.

DANIEL SHERWOOD, a son of Henry Sherwood, was born in Connecticut, October 23, 1774, and was a descendant of Thomas Sherwood, who came to America in 1634 and settled in New England. While yet a young man the subject of this sketch removed to the vicinity of Marathon, Cortland county, New York, where he was married March 30, 1800, to Anna Stevens, a daughter of John Stevens. She was born May 8, 1783, and became the mother of nine children, all of whom are dead except Hiram M., of Mansfield. In 1830 Mr. Sherwood, several of his sons, and his brother, Noah, came to Tioga county and settled a short distance below the site of Lamb's Creek, where they built a saw-mill. In 1839 they removed to Mansfield, where Mr. Sherwood continued to reside until his death, April 7, 1859. His wife died February 9, 1848. Before coming to Tioga county, Mr. Sherwood represented Cortland county, New York, in the state legislature for several years, and usually made the journey to and from Albany on horseback. He was the founder

of the Baptist church at Mansfield, of which his son, Rev. Abijah Sherwood, was the first pastor. He was a man of intelligence, strict integrity and good business ability. His son, Daniel Lee Sherwood, born near Marathon, New York, December 5, 1809, represented Tioga and Potter counties in the legislature in 1842-43, and Tioga and Bradford in the State Senate from 1844 to 1846, being speaker during the latter year. From 1877 to 1880 he was a representative from Northumberland county. He died at Northumberland, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1886.

ALBERT SHERWOOD, son of Daniel Sherwood, was born near Marathon, New York, August 27, 1817, and was about thirteen years old when his parents came to Tioga county. In early life he devoted his attention to lumbering, and after the family removed to Mansfield he engaged in farming. On May 28, 1845, he married Julia A. Clark, a daughter of Justus B. and Catherine (Hart) Clark, of Richmond township, to which union were born the following named children: Andrew J., deceased; Daniel Andrew, a resident of Mansfield; Anna M., wife of Daniel L. Fralic, of Corning, New York, and Clark B., who resides in Mansfield. Mr. Sherwood was for many years a Democrat, but in later life acted with the Prohibition party. He was one of the early trustees of the State Normal School at Mansfield, and the longest in service, and some years before his death was made an honorary trustee for life. He was also a member and a deacon of the Baptist church of Mansfield. He died September 4, 1896, aged seventy-nine years.

DANIEL ANDREW SHERWOOD was born at Mansfield, Tioga county, July 16, 1848, a son of Albert Sherwood, and grandson of Daniel Sherwood. He obtained his education in the common schools, the State Normal School of his native town, and the University of Chicago. In 1870 he assisted in the Geological Survey of Ohio, under Prof. J. S. Newberry, and was also engaged for five years in field work on the New York Survey, under Prof. James Hall. From 1873 to 1878 he assisted in the Second Geological Survey of Pennsylvania, with Prof. J. P. Lesley, working principally in Tioga, Bradford, Lycoming and Potter counties. During the World's Fair in Chicago, he was the manager of the Pennsylvania Mineral Exhibit. He has also been in the employ of the Anchor Oil Company in surveying and locating wells. Mr. Sherwood was married April 17, 1872, to Jennie L. Knapp, a daughter of A. M. and Elizabeth Knapp, of Lawrence township, and has five children, viz: Anna L., Hugh M., Mattie J., Lola I. and Jennie E. Mr. Sherwood is a member of the Baptist church, a writer of gospel hymns and sacred songs, and takes an interest in religious work. In politics, a Prohibitionist, he was the candidate of that party for the Assembly in 1884, and for Congress in 1894. He is one of the well-known residents of Mansfield, where nearly his entire life has been passed.

CLARK BURR SHERWOOD, youngest child of Albert Sherwood, and grandson of Daniel Sherwood, was born upon the old homestead at Mansfield, Tioga county, February 23, 1852, and was educated in the common schools. After arriving at manhood, he adopted farming as his avocation and has successfully pursued it up to the present time. Mr. Sherwood married Sarah E. Smith, of Lawrence township, a daughter of Morton and Deborah (Ingersoll) Smith, formerly of Fairfield county, Connecticut. They are the parents of three children, named as follows: Julia Floy, by a former marriage; Lorena J., and Daniel Albert. In politics, Mr. Sherwood is

a Democrat, with independent tendencies. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and is one of the prominent and successful farmers of his native township.

DR. JOSEPH P. MORRIS, son of Isaac W. and Sarah (Paschall) Morris, and grandson of Capt. Samuel Morris, a soldier of the Revolution, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1809. In 1834 he came to Tioga county, and soon afterwards located in Blossburg, there being at that time only a few families in the place. He became a member of the Arbon Coal Company, the first company formed to develop the Blossburg coal and iron deposits, among his associates being James R. Wilson, of Philadelphia; Dr. Lewis Saynisch, of Blossburg, and James H. Gulick, of New Jersey. He also was interested in and helped to build the Tioga railroad. In 1842 he purchased of James R. Wilson 1,100 acres of land, formerly the Asa Mann property, for \$12,000. This included nearly all the ground now occupied by the borough of Mansfield. Here he resided until 1846, devoting his time to his land and to the practice of medicine. In the latter year he moved to Wellsboro, resided there up to 1854, and then returned to Mansfield. As the village increased in population, his land was laid out in town lots, and the sale of these and the promotion of enterprises calculated to advance the growth of the town, kept his time fully occupied, although he occasionally answered the call of those needing his medical services. Dr. Morris was one of the original friends and promoters of the Mansfield Classical Seminary and gave six acres of land as a site for that institution. He served as trustee and corresponding secretary of the Seminary for many years, and was one of its staunchest friends, giving liberally of his means towards its support. He was later a trustee of the State Normal School for some years, and also gave the site for the Protestant Episcopal church at Mansfield. Dr. Morris was married November 2, 1836, to Sarah E. Morris, a daughter of Judge Samuel Wells and Anna (Ellis) Morris. Her father was a son of Benjamin Wistar Morris, a pioneer of Wellsboro, and married Anna Ellis, a daughter of William Ellis, of Muncy, Lycoming county. To Dr. Joseph P. and Sarah E. Morris were born three children, viz: Alfred, born September 6, 1837, and died June 17, 1860; Catherine, widow of Charles F. Swan, and James Wilson, a civil engineer of Galion, Ohio. In politics, Dr. Morris was a Republican, and an earnest supporter of that party. He died December 17, 1892, at the ripe age of nearly eighty-four years. Though eighty years of age, Mrs. Morris is bright, active and energetic, and gives her personal attention to all matters pertaining to her late husband's interests. She possesses a fund of interesting information concerning the early history of Mansfield, her memory of dates and events being remarkably clear and accurate.

OLIVER ELLIOTT, a son of Nathaniel Elliott, was born near Portland, Maine, May 13, 1805. In 1808 his parents came to Tioga county and settled near Covington, removing to Cherry Flats in 1820. Here his father died in 1840, aged seventy-one years, and his mother, in 1845, aged seventy-nine years. Mr. Elliott married Mary Ann Rockwell, of Troy township, Bradford county, in 1826, who became the mother of eight children, viz: Orson V., a merchant of Mansfield; Oliver W., who died in the army; Anna B., deceased wife of Irving S. Harkness; Thomas D., a resident of Mansfield; Victor Alanson, a resident of Denver, and for twelve years circuit judge, and five years judge of the Supreme Court of Colorado; and Mary and Silas, both deceased. Mrs. Elliott died in 1846, and in 1847 he married her

widowed sister, Mrs. Julia Bailey, who died in 1849. In 1850 he married Maria Harkness, a daughter of Joel and Almina Harkness, early settlers of Covington township. Three children were born to this union, only one of whom grew up, Judson A., a resident of Mansfield. From 1836 to 1849 Mr. Elliott resided on his farm near Mansfield, but in the spring of 1850 he returned to Cherry Flats, where he carried on a general store until 1868. From 1868 to 1872 he was a partner with his eldest son, Orson V., in the shoe business at Mansfield. In 1872 he sold his interest to his son and removed to Charleston township, and engaged in farming. A year later he returned to Mansfield, and in 1876, with his youngest son, Judson A., purchased the mercantile business of William Adams, and established the firm of O. Elliott & Son, in which he continued until his death, April 24, 1891.

THOMAS D. ELLIOTT, a retired farmer of Mansfield, was born in that borough in 1834, and is the fourth child of Oliver and Mary Ann (Rockwell) Elliott. He followed farming for some years, and later conducted a meat market in Wellsboro, whence he removed to a farm in Charleston township, and subsequently to Mansfield. He married Julia A. Macumber, of Richmond township, and reared three children, viz: Nettie, wife of S. C. Peake, of Troy, Bradford county; Walter V., a dentist of Waverly, New York, and George H., deceased. Mr. Elliott and wife are members of the Baptist church. In politics, he is a Republican, and served in the Rebellion as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

GEORGE H. ELLIOTT, youngest child of Thomas D. Elliott, and grandson of Oliver Elliott, was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, July 4, 1863. He was reared on the Homestead farm, and obtained his education in the district schools and at Wellsboro High School. When twenty-two years of age he began running a huckster wagon in Charleston township, which business he continued five years, at the end of which time he purchased a farm of 112 acres in Delmar township, on which he resided until his death, January 26, 1897. Mr. Elliott was married October 14, 1885, to Louise H. Coolidge, a daughter of D. K. and Mary A. (Meacham) Coolidge, and left one child. He was a member of the Baptist church, to which his widow also belongs. In politics, he was an adherent of the Republican party.

LARMAN H. ELLIOTT was born in Ancrum, New York, June 4, 1794, a son of William Elliott. He acquired a fair English education in his youth and later learned the mason's trade. In 1804 he came to Pennsylvania and settled at Wysox, Bradford county, where he witnessed the great eclipse of 1806. He afterwards went to Sheshequin, in the same county, where, September 9, 1821, he married Mary Wright, a daughter of Matthew Wright. She was born in Lisle, Broome county, New York, December 23, 1804. In 1841 they came to Tioga county and located in Middlebury township, where he followed farming, school teaching and working at his trade. In 1848 they removed to Mansfield, which remained their place of residence until their death. Mr. Elliott died April 12, 1872, and his wife, December 28, 1888. They were the parents of two sons, Charles Volney and Simon Bolivar.

CHARLES VOLNEY ELLIOTT, M. D., son of Larman H. and Mary Elliott, was born in Sheshequin, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1824, and was

seventeen years old when his father removed to this county. He read medicine with Dr. Nelson Packer, of Wellsboro, and afterwards took a course of study at Geneva Medical College, Geneva, New York. In 1847 he began the practice of his profession in Mansfield. In the autumn of 1856 he removed to Hudson City, Wisconsin, but in 1859 returned to Mansfield, resumed his practice here, and also opened a drug store, which he carried on up to 1891, when he sold out to J. M. Smith. In 1860 he was appointed postmaster of Mansfield, and held the office for twelve years. In 1876 he was elected to the legislature, and was re-elected in 1878. He has also served as burgess of Mansfield, a member of the borough council, and as trustee of the State Normal School. Dr. Elliott was married in August, 1847, to Eliza A. Graves, a daughter of Elisha Graves, of Troy, Bradford county. Their only child, Mary E., is now the wife of Dr. C. W. Brown, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Elliott died November 2, 1862, and Dr. Elliott married for his second wife, Julia Alice Holden, a daughter of D. L. and Elizabeth (Mudge) Holden, of Mansfield. The only child of this marriage, Arthur H., was born September 4, 1867; is a graduate of the College of Pharmacy, Philadelphia; married E. Mattie Doane, and is now a druggist in Wellsboro. In politics, Dr. Elliott is a Republican, and in religion, an adherent of the Protestant Episcopal church. He is also a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M. Dr. Elliott retired from business and the practice of his profession in 1891, since which time he has devoted his attention to the cultivation of his pleasantly situated homestead in the northern suburbs of Mansfield. During the many years he was engaged in the practice of medicine, he not only earned an enduring reputation as a skillful and successful physician, but has long been regarded as one of the foremost citizens of the county. His services in the legislature and in the various other offices he has filled, were characterized by an unflinching fidelity to duty and an unwavering adherence to principle. True to every trust reposed in him, he enjoys the respect and esteem of the community in which the greater portion of his life has been spent.

WILLIAM M. BARDEN, M. D., was born in Benton, New York, February 14, 1812, and was educated at Geneva Medical College. He married Olive Hanley, a native of Hector, Schuyler county, New York, to which union were born four children, viz: O. P., recently deceased, who for many years was a practicing physician in Tioga borough; Samuel O., a resident of Richmond township; Olive Louise, who died in infancy, and John M., a physician of Roseville, Tioga county. Mrs. Barden died in 1847, in Benton, New York, and in 1852, Dr. Barden came to Mansfield, Tioga county. He was the first homeopathic physician in the borough, and, notwithstanding the prejudice in favor of the old school, he soon established a reputation as a skillful and successful practitioner. He died September 30, 1884.

JOHN M. BARDEN, M. D., son of Dr. William M. Barden, was born in Benton, Yates county, New York, January 23, 1834. He was educated in the common schools and at Peach Orchard Academy, Hector, New York, studied medicine under his father, and was admitted to practice in 1862. He located at Roseville, Tioga county, where he continued his professional duties until 1881, when he removed to Mansfield. Here he practiced his profession until April, 1895, when he returned to Roseville, where he now resides. Dr. Barden was married to Harriet H. Ketchum, a daughter of Joseph and Phoebe Ketchum, January 5, 1860. Her parents came

from Lisle, Broome county, New York, to Mansfield, in 1858. Four children have blessed this union, as follows: Kate, wife of A. W. Stevenson, of Mansfield; Estelle, wife of J. C. Gallop, of Smethport, McKean county; John L., who lives with his parents, and Otis, who died in infancy. Dr. Barden is a stanch Republican, and while a resident of Mansfield filled the office of burgess, served in the borough council, and was president of the board of trade, and the Smythe Park Association. He is a member of the Baptist church, also of Friendship Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M., and Mansfield Lodge, No. 526, I. O. O. F. He is connected with the Southern Tier Homeopathic Association, of New York, and is one of the well-known practitioners of his school of medicine. To a successful career as a physician, Dr. Barden has added that of a citizen ever ready to forward the best interests of the community in which he lives.

ANDREW J. ROSS was born in Pike township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1827. His father, Isaac Ross, was an early settler of Bradford county, and also a contractor on the North Branch canal, where Andrew J. was employed as a foreman. He afterwards clerked in a store at Stanton, Pennsylvania, and in 1854 located in Wellsboro, Tioga county. A year later he removed to Mansfield, and in partnership with the late Philip Williams, under the firm name of Ross & Williams, engaged in merchandising. In 1860 the firm added lumbering to their business, and in 1865 sold out the store, but continued their lumber operations, and also opened a loan office. On May 24, 1872, they established the banking house of Ross & Williams, of which Mr. Ross continued as senior partner until his death, August 18, 1875. On April 22, 1856, he married Sarah McKune, a daughter of James McKune, to which union were born two children, Charles S. and Edward H. Mrs. Ross died on July 9, 1882, aged fifty-two years. During the thirty years of his residence in Mansfield, Mr. Ross was prominent both as a business man and a citizen. He took a deep interest in the building up of the borough, and gave a cordial and earnest support to every enterprise having that end in view. He was a warm friend of the Mansfield Classical Seminary, and its successor, the State Normal School, during the years it was beset with difficulties and vicissitudes, and served on the board of trustees and as treasurer of the institution for a number of years. In politics, he was a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Protestant Episcopal church.

CHARLES S. ROSS, eldest son of Andrew J. Ross, was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, February 14, 1857. He was educated in the State Normal School, from which he graduated in 1876. Immediately afterwards he entered the banking house of Ross & Williams, as the representative of his father's interest, and in the summer of 1878 he succeeded to the place in that firm made vacant by his father's death. After the death of Mr. Williams, in July, 1894, Mr. Ross carried on the business as surviving partner, until January 1, 1895, when he became the sole proprietor, but continued under the old firm name. In politics, Mr. Ross is a Republican, but has never sought or held office.

EDWARD H. ROSS, youngest son of Andrew J. Ross, was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, November 10, 1865. He was educated at the State Normal School, Mansfield, and the military academy at White Plains, New York, from which institution he graduated in 1883. He studied law in the office of Elliott & Watrous, of Wells-

boro, but has never practiced. In 1889 he established the Ross Cigar Company, which employs about fifty hands in the manufacture of cigars for the retail trade. Under his management the enterprise has proven successful and is an important factor in the industrial life of Mansfield. Mr. Ross was married April 5, 1893, to Miss Mary Waldo, and has one son, Charles Waldo. In politics, he is a Republican, and is connected with Friendship Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M.

LAWTON CUMMINGS was born in Oswego, New York, June 7, 1826, and was one of nine children born to Lawton C. and Polly (McMillan) Cummings, as follows: Maria, wife of James C. Skinner, of Evanston, Illinois; David, deceased; Lawton, of Mansfield; Frances, wife of L. H. Robbins, of Mansfield; Edwin, deceased; Eunice, wife of Horace Case, of Coldwater, Michigan; Elliott, a resident of California; Lucy, and John, the last deceased. When the subject of this sketch was three years old his parents removed to Oneida county, New York. There he grew to manhood, attending school until he was fourteen years old, and later learning the carpenter's trade. His mother died in 1840, and his father subsequently married Lurana Hoard, removed to Coldwater, Michigan, and there passed the remaining years of his life. In 1850 Mr. Cummings came to Mansfield, Tioga county, where he worked at his trade a few years. In 1852 he embarked in merchandising, as a member of the firm of Hoard, Beach & Cummings, in which he continued several years. He was among the earliest subscribers to the Mansfield Classical Seminary fund, and was employed as a foreman in the erection of the first building. He was actively engaged as a carpenter and builder up to 1887, when he and his son, John L., opened a bakery and confectionery, under the firm name of J. L. Cummings & Company, which has proven a prosperous venture. On December 12, 1852, Mr. Cummings married Polly Hunt, a daughter of Samuel Hunt, of Mansfield, to which union have been born three children, viz: Nettie S., John L. and Ida Belle. In politics, he is a Democrat, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN L. CUMMINGS, son of Lawton Cummings, was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, August 2, 1862, and was educated in the State Normal School and the Allen Business College. In 1887 he formed a partnership with his father, under the firm name of J. L. Cummings & Company, and established their present bakery and confectionery business. On August 16, 1894, he was appointed postmaster of Mansfield, by President Cleveland, and still holds the office. In politics, Mr. Cummings is a stanch Democrat, has served as a delegate to county conventions, and is recognized as one of the local leaders in his party. He makes a popular and efficient postmaster, and has discharged the duties of the office to the satisfaction of its patrons, irrespective of party. In religion, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ROSWELL BAILEY was born in Vermont, December 25, 1782, came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about the year 1802, and located in Tioga township. In 1810 he removed to the Dartt settlement, in Charleston township, where he cleared and improved a farm, and died October 24, 1840. In 1805 Mr. Bailey married Lucinda Clark, of which union six children grew to maturity, named as follows: Clark W., Robert B., Roswell W., Mary A., Benjamin M. and Justus B. Mrs. Bailey died in the early twenties, and in 1823 he married Julia A. Rockwell, who became the mother

of six children, viz: John W., Rockwell S., George W., Julia A., Ellen M. and Caroline.

CLARK W. BAILEY was born in Tioga township, Tioga county, January 12, 1806, and was the eldest son of Roswell and Lucinda Bailey. He grew up amidst pioneer surroundings, and attended school in the old-fashioned log school house of early days. When twenty-one years of age he purchased a farm near Whitney's Corners, Charleston township, and later formed a partnership with R. G. White, erected a large steam saw-mill, and engaged in the lumber business on an extensive scale. In 1857 he removed to Mansfield, where he purchased a grist-mill, and the following year built a water-power saw-mill, both of which he operated until 1866, when he sold out to his sons, Thomas H. and Justus W. He also owned and operated a foundry in Mansfield, and was one of its most prominent business men for many years. He was instrumental in establishing the Mansfield Seminary, was a liberal supporter of all public enterprises, and an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church. On May 13, 1827, Mr. Bailey married Vesta Judd, of Binghamton, New York, to which union were born ten children, as follows: Sarah L., Roswell G., Julius M., Wesley V., Thomas H., Emily J., Julia A., Justus W., Clarissa V. and Clark B. Mr. Bailey died at the home of his son, Julius M., December 22, 1881. His widow survived until October 2, 1882, dying at the age of seventy-four years.

THOMAS H. BAILEY was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, December 1, 1839, and is the fourth son of Clark W. Bailey. He was reared on the homestead farm, obtained a common school education, and after attaining manhood he purchased a grist-mill from his father, which he operated until 1889. In 1866 he and his brother, Justus W., bought their father's saw-mill, and a few years later they also bought the foundry at Mansfield. A short time afterwards, Thomas H. purchased his brother's interest in both industries, but the mills were swept away by the flood of June, 1889, entailing upon Mr. Bailey a heavy loss. He purchased several large tracts of timber lands at different periods, some of which he still retains. Mr. Bailey was married September 30, 1868, to Josephine Hillier, a daughter of John Hillier, of Larry's Creek, Lycoming county, and has two children, Sarah V. and Harry W. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Bailey is connected with the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. societies. In politics, he has been a life-long Republican, and one of the local leaders in his party. He was burgess of Mansfield for several years; a member of the council for nine years, and a member of the school board for six years. For eighteen years he was one of the trustees of the State Normal School at Mansfield, in which institution he has always taken a deep interest. In the autumn of 1890 he was elected a county commissioner, and moved his family to Wellsboro the following spring. He was re-elected in the fall of 1893, and served until the close of 1896. He then purchased the Hotel Allen, in Mansfield, and took charge of that house in April, 1897, of which he is now proprietor.

ROBERT B. BAILEY, second son of Roswell and Lucinda (Clark) Bailey, was born January 28, 1808, in Tioga county. He was reared to manhood in Charleston township. After his marriage he purchased a farm of 300 acres in Richmond township, where he passed the remaining years of his life, and died October 17, 1884. Mr. Bailey was married three times. His first wife, to whom he was married February 20,

1834, was Lucy Holden, a daughter of Daniel Holden, an early settler in Mansfield. To this union were born the following named children: Lydia, wife of George Holdings, of Homerville, New York; Justus M., deceased; Mary Augusta, wife of George Baker, of Rutland; Charlotte Lucy and Roswell Burr, of Mansfield; Dallas N., deceased, and Eliza May, wife of Alexander Gaylord, of Blossburg. Mrs. Bailey was born December 31, 1812, and died July 13, 1847. Mr. Bailey's second wife was Sophia Lewis. By this marriage there was no issue. For his third wife he married Julia Hagar, born May 2, 1830, a daughter of Isaac and Sallie Hagar, of Sullivan township. She bore him seven children, viz: Myron F., of Wellsboro; Robert Wilson, deceased; Elton L., of Mansfield; Wallace J., of Wellsboro; Carl E., of Elkland; Frank W., of Wellsboro, and Fred. D., of Mansfield. After Mr. Bailey's death his widow removed to Mansfield, where she still resides. He was a Republican in politics, and had served as collector of Richmond township.

JOHN C. HOWE was born in Stafford, Connecticut, January 15, 1817, a son of John and Mary (Davison) Howe. On his mother's side, he is descended from the Cotton family, whose ancestor, Sir John Cotton, landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1623. His grandfathers, James Howe and Daniel Davison, served in the Revolution, the latter under Gen. Israel Putnam, and his great-grandfather, Daniel Davison, Sr., was in the French and Indian War. Three uncles, Col. Zepheniah Williams, Corp. Silas Howe, and Joel Davison, served in the War of 1812; while his brother, Frederick Howe, and three nephews, Samuel Burdick (who died at Andersonville), Dwight and Wesley Keigwin, the last of whom was a prisoner in Libby, all served in the Rebellion. The subject of this sketch lived in Connecticut until twenty-one years of age, and then came to Greenfield township, Lackawanna county, whence he removed to Mansfield in April, 1859. On January 29, 1843, he married Lodemia Smith, a native of Greenville, New York, born June 22, 1822. She became the mother of six children, viz: Martha, wife of Horry B. Shaw, of Mansfield; Elvira, deceased wife of William Gerald; John Frank and Hezekiah W., of Mansfield; Emma, a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Eunice, wife of J. M. D. Powers, of Richmond township. Mrs. Howe died March 15, 1873, and April 15, 1874, he married Elizabeth Van Deusen. She was born at Palatine Bridge, New York, April 22, 1839, and is the mother of one son, Van V., a graduate of the State Normal School. On November 15, 1861, Mr. Howe enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers. He received a gunshot wound in the right hand at the battle of Fair Oaks. He also served in the battles of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Kingston, White Hall and Goldsboro, and was honorably discharged on April 1, 1863. Mr. Howe assisted in establishing the Mansfield Classical Seminary, and was a member of the board of trustees for thirty-four years. He was a member of the building committee, and advanced a large sum of money to aid in the construction of the buildings, which liberal act came near wrecking him financially. Originally a Whig, he has been a Republican since the organization of that party. He has served as a school director and one term as justice of the peace of Richmond township. He is connected with Mansfield Post, No. 48, G. A. R., and is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Howe's great-grandfather, Gensman, served in the French and Indian War, while her grandfather, Proudly Van Deusen, served under General Putnam in the Revolution. Her father had two brothers in the War of 1812, and three

of her brothers served in the Rebellion. She is a charter member of and an active worker in Mansfield Post, No. 6, W. R. C. Her brother, Dr. George H. Van Deusen, was a surgeon in the United States navy, and witnessed the memorable conflict between the Monitor and Merrimac, while on board the man-of-war Sachem, and her brother, Gerrett, was a surgeon's steward in the fleet.

REV. WILLIAM DEWITT TAYLOR was born in Yates county, New York, September 24, 1831, and was educated in Franklin Academy, Prattsburg, New York, from which institution he graduated in the classical course in 1859. He taught school successfully for several years and graduated at Union College, Schenectady, New York. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, as a member of the Genesee Conference. In 1863 and 1864 he was principal of the Mansfield Classical Seminary. After the school passed under the control of the State, he resigned and resumed his ministerial work, continuing in the active duties thereof until 1886, filling in the meantime a number of important appointments. For a few years after retiring from the ministry, he was engaged in the insurance business in Binghamton, New York. In 1888 he purchased a farm of 190 acres, near Canoe Camp, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until his death, January 16, 1892. Mr. Taylor was twice married. His first wife, Hattie Hayes, was a daughter of Dr. Hayes, of Prattsburg, New York, and bore him one son, who died in 1888, at the age of twenty-five years. Mrs. Taylor died in Binghamton, New York. On January 3, 1888, he married Mrs. Amy (Davis) Cottrell, a daughter of Capt. Ezra and Betsey (Walker) Davis. She was born in Mansfield, Tioga county, and at the time of her marriage to Mr. Taylor was the widow of Charles S. Cottrell, of McComb, Illinois, whom she married on September 17, 1873. Mr. Cottrell died December 4, 1876. He was a prominent business man of McComb, a director in the McComb bank and a leading and influential citizen. He left two children, Charles S. and Clara D. Mrs. Taylor was married to Joseph Schusler, of Mansfield, March 4, 1897.

CHARLES SULLINGS KINGSLEY was born in Pittsford, Vermont, June 13, 1844, a son of Ralph R. and Sarah (Sullings) Kingsley, both natives of Vermont and descendants of prominent New England families. His father was born June 9, 1810, and his mother in 1815. In 1847 the family came to Troy, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Kingsley engaged in the tannery business as a member of the firm of Bowen & Kingsley, with which he was connected ten years. In 1865 he came to Mansfield, Tioga county, where he purchased an interest in the John W. Kohn tannery. Three years later he bought out his partner, and was connected with the business up to his death, December 26, 1893. His widow is yet living, at the ripe age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of three children, viz: Francis E., Charles S. and Flora, all residents of Mansfield. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools and at the Collegiate Institute, in Towanda, Pennsylvania. February 25, 1864, he enlisted in the Third Pennsylvania Artillery, and was honorably discharged from the service at Philadelphia, November 9, 1865. Most of the time he was stationed at Fortress Monroe, and the last nine months of his term he was a clerk in the adjutant's office. Returning to Mansfield he engaged in the tannery business with his father, the firm being R. R. Kingsley & Son until the fall of 1868, when it was changed to C. S. Kingsley, its present title.

On September 12, 1872, Mr. Kingsley married Jennie Linn Bailey, a daughter of Benjamin and Clarissa (Johnson) Bailey, and has three children, viz: Harry B., Ralph R. and Kate S. In politics, Mr. Kingsley is a Republican, and has filled the offices of Burgess, councilman, school director and treasurer of the school board. He is a member of General Mansfield Post, No. 48, G. A. R., and is one of the well-known, enterprising citizens of Mansfield.

LEVI ELLIOTT was a native of Penobscot, Maine, born in 1791. He was a son of Nathaniel and Nancy (Armstrong) Elliott, who came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1808. They located near Covington, and later removed to Cherry Flats, where they passed the remainder of their lives. In 1812 the subject of this sketch married Amy Gillett, also born in 1791, a daughter of Aaron Gillett, who came from Connecticut to Tioga county in 1798, and settled at Canoe Camp, removing in 1812 to Cherry Flats. Mr. Elliott was a farmer, and lived in Covington until 1822, when he moved into Charleston township, where he resided until his death, December 5, 1866, aged seventy-five years; his wife died in 1883, aged ninety-two years. They were the parents of seven children, of whom but two are living, viz: Horace J., and Nathaniel A., the former a resident of Westfield, and the latter of Mansfield, Tioga county.

NATHANIEL A. ELLIOTT was born in Covington township, Tioga county, February 18, 1817, a son of Levi Elliott. He was reared on a farm, and received such an education as the pioneer country schools afforded. On attaining his majority, he purchased a farm of fifty acres at Cherry Flats, to which he added from time to time until he owned 400 acres. In 1866 he located in Mansfield, which has since been his place of residence. Mr. Elliott was married September 10, 1838, to Anna Myra Hart, a daughter of Ludwig Hart. The only child of this union, Mortimer F., a prominent lawyer, is now the attorney of the Standard Oil Company at Oil City, though Wellsboro is his place of residence. Mrs. Elliott died April 3, 1843, and October 10, 1844, he married Charlotte E. Harkness, a daughter of Joel and Elmina Harkness. Five children were born to this marriage, viz: Francis and Edward A., both deceased; George Frederick, a physician of Mansfield; Fannie E., wife of T. O. Whitnall, of Syracuse, New York, and Henry A., deceased. In politics, Mr. Elliott is an unwavering Democrat, and for many years has been prominent in the local councils of his party. He served in the state legislature in 1848-49; was county commissioner from 1876 to 1882, and has also filled the offices of justice of the peace, assessor of the borough and school director. President Cleveland appointed him postmaster of Mansfield in 1886, and he held the office until 1890. In religion, he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is also connected with Friendship Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M. Colonel Elliott is one of the oldest living citizens born in Tioga county, as well as one of the best informed concerning its history. His long life has been earnest, useful and unblemished; and the respect and esteem which he enjoys is a well-deserved tribute to his character.

JAMES HOARD, son of Enos Hoard, was born March 17, 1810, in Stockbridge, New York, there grew to maturity, and January 1, 1840, married Almira Robbins, who was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, November 1, 1809. In the fall of 1849 the family came to Richmond township, Tioga county, and settled five miles west of Mansfield, where Mr. Hoard was engaged in farming until 1874. In that

year he removed to Mansfield, and died on May 2, 1878. His wife died July 20, 1890. They were the parents of the following children: Fannie Gertrude, wife of Wesley Bailey, of Richmond township; Sarah J., and James Perry, both deceased, and Joseph Seth, of Mansfield. In politics, Mr. Hoard was a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Presbyterian church. He was an earnest, sincere man, whose upright life won him the respect of all who knew him.

JOSEPH SETH HOARD was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, November 7, 1852, and is the youngest child of James and Almira Hoard. He was reared on a farm, attended the common schools of his district in boyhood, and graduated from the State Normal School, at Mansfield, in 1871. After his graduation he taught one year, and then took a course in Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. On November 1, 1872, he entered the banking house of Ross & Williams, of Mansfield, as a book-keeper, and remained in that institution up to 1885, during which period he also had charge of the insurance business carried on in connection with the bank. Upon leaving the bank he established the well-known insurance agency with which his name has since been connected. Mr. Hoard was married June 10, 1875, to Sarah Margaret Elliott, a daughter of Orson V. and Celia (Kelley) Elliott, of Mansfield, who has borne him three children, viz: Harry Reed, Nellie Margaret and Donald Victor. In religion, Mr. Hoard is a member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics, an adherent of the Republican party. He is a trustee of the State Normal School, and has been secretary and assistant secretary of Smythe Park Association for several years. He takes a deep interest in the cause of education, as well as in everything that assists in the moral advancement of the community.

MARCUS S. FRENCH, proprietor of the Hotel French, of Mansfield, was born in Corning, New York, August 7, 1847. His parents, Luther and Clara (Shepard) French, natives of Otsego county, New York, reared five children, as follows: George E., a resident of Centre county, Pennsylvania; Adeline, wife of Charles White, of Caton, New York; Julia, wife of Henry Wescott, of Lindley, New York; Frances, wife of Alvin K. Linderman, of Troy, Pennsylvania, and Marcus S. In 1854 Mr. French went to California, where he remained eighteen years, engaged in mining and cattle dealing. He then returned to Steuben county, New York, where he died in June, 1891, aged eighty-nine years, and his wife, in September, 1893, aged eighty-seven years. They were the oldest persons in Caton at the time of their death. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, later learned the mason's trade, and became a contractor and builder. In 1875 he came to Mansfield, where he followed contracting and building up to April, 1891, when he took charge of the Hotel Allen. During that period he erected the several brick blocks which formed the business part of Mansfield, the graded school building, and did the masonry work on Alumni Hall, of the State Normal School. He also erected buildings in other parts of the county, all of which attest the faithful performance of his contracts. His successful management of the Hotel Allen made him a popular landlord, and brought him the liberal patronage and good will of the traveling public. He conducted this house until the spring of 1897, when he opened the Hotel French in the same borough. Mr. French was married on December 25, 1871, to Henrietta Nares, daughter of James and Caroline (Lindon) Nares, who has borne him five children, viz:

George, deceased; Catherine E., wife of John H. Causer, of Elmira; Stella, deceased; Mabel, and Mark J. In politics, Mr. French is a Democrat, and has served several terms as school director. He is a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M., and the family are adherents of the Presbyterian church.

NATHANIEL PEASELEY MOODY was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1760. His great-grandfather, William Moody, came from Scotland in 1632. At sixteen years of age Nathaniel P. entered the Continental army and served through the Revolution, at the close of which he took up his residence in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, where he met and married Susan Griffin. He was a graduate of Yale College, in which institution he completed his studies after leaving the army. In 1795 he came to Wysox, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Osceola, Tioga county, where he died in 1832, aged seventy-two years.

MOSES MOODY was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, October 5, 1790, a son of Nathaniel Peaseley Moody, and was five years old when his parents settled in Bradford county, Pennsylvania. He married Phoebe Allen, who became the mother of twelve children, six of whom are living, as follows: John A., of Mansfield; N. N., a merchant and postmaster of Asylum, Bradford county; H. M., a physician of Smithfield; William W., of Litchfield, Bradford county; Elizabeth, wife of Albert Lent, of Wysox, Bradford county, and Amanda, widow of William Barnes, of Ithaca, New York. Mr. Moody died in October, 1873, and his wife, January 1, 1876.

JOHN A. MOODY, oldest living child of Moses Moody, was born in Wysox, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1818. When he was twelve years old his parents removed to Rome, in the same county, where he grew to manhood. He followed farming there until 1876, when he went to Canton and engaged in merchandising, also in the insurance business, both of which he followed until 1884, when he removed to Mansfield, Tioga county, and has since devoted his entire attention to the latter. Mr. Moody was married January 3, 1841, to Harriet E., a daughter of John and Jemima Dickerson, who bore him three children, viz: Benjamin, a physician of Mansfield; Tillie, wife of G. W. Mills, of Lordsburg, California, and Lewis, a resident of Canton, Bradford county. Mrs. Moody died October 16, 1874, and he married for his second wife Jeannette (Lewis) Moody, widow of his cousin, Horace P. Moody. In politics, Mr. Moody is a Republican, and was elected a justice of the peace in 1892, which position he now occupies. In religion, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

BENJAMIN MOODY, M. D., eldest son of John A. and Harriet Moody, was born in Frenchtown, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1841, and there received his primary education. During the Rebellion he served in Company C, Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Emergency Men, and also in Company F, Eighth New York Heavy Artillery. In 1865 he began the study of medicine under Dr. T. F. Madill, of Wysox, Bradford county. He graduated from Geneva Medical College, at Geneva, New York, in 1868, and from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1869, in which year he commenced practice with his preceptor, at Wysox. From 1870 to 1875 he practiced in Wyalusing, Bradford county, removing in the latter year to Roseville, Tioga county, and in 1877 to Mansfield, where he has since built up a lucrative practice. Dr. Moody was married September 28,

1871, to Adelia Lyon, a daughter of Stephen and Margaret Lyon, of Spring Hill, Bradford county. Four children have been born to this marriage, viz: Eva Grace, Hattie Blanche and Maggie Leone, all deceased, and Dora H. In politics, Dr. Moody is a Republican, and has filled the office of school director several years. In religion, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has been steward for a number of years. He is also connected with Mansfield Post, No. 48, G. A. R., of which he was commander in 1883 and 1896. Dr. Moody not only bears the reputation of being a skillful and successful physician, but is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Mansfield.

W. W. BENTLEY, third son of Bethuel Bentley, was born in Rutland township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1827. His grandfather, Major Bentley, came from Chemung county, New York, and settled on the Tioga river, near Mitchell's Creek, in April, 1806. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native township, and became a farmer and well-known bridge builder. He married Sarah Searls, a daughter of John Searls, and a native of Tompkins (now Schuyler) county, New York, who bore him the following children: E. N., of Mansfield; Helen, wife of E. M. Cass, of the same borough; Mary, wife of John H. Luckey, of Troy, Bradford county; G. W., a resident of Mansfield, and Susan, wife of R. E. Longbothum, of the same place. In politics, Mr. Bentley is a Republican, and has served as a member of the borough council of Mansfield, where he has lived since 1877. In religion, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. A man of great energy and industry, he has been largely interested in real estate and building enterprises in other places, in addition to his bridge building operations.

E. N. BENTLEY, oldest son of W. W. Bentley, was born in Rutland township, Tioga county, March 1, 1850, and obtained a common school education. In early manhood he became an iron-worker, and in 1875 entered the employ of the Athens Bridge Company, for whom he traveled two years. He next had charge of the erection gang for two years, and then entered the service of the Keystone Bridge Company. While in their employ as foreman, he built the bridge on the Mississippi river at Keokuk, Iowa. He afterward worked for Dean & Westbrook, of New York City, and also for the Groton, New York, company, and for the Elmira Bridge Company. In 1892 he commenced business for himself, as a bridge builder and contractor, and the same year built the highway bridge across the Susquehanna river, at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county. Since arriving at manhood he has built thirty-six highway and several railroad bridges in Tioga county. On May 15, 1872, Mr. Bentley married Lois Booth, a daughter of Erastus Booth, of Troy, Bradford county, who bore him one daughter, Louisa, wife of A. M. Armour, of Morrisville, New York, a nephew of Philip Armour, the great pork-packer of Chicago. Mrs. Bentley died in January, 1880, and December 17, 1885, he married Elsie Odell. In politics, Mr. Bentley is a Republican. He devotes his whole attention and energy to bridge building, and is one of the most successful contractors and builders in that line in northern Pennsylvania.

D. C. BURNHAM, son of Halsey and Anna (Knickerbocker) Burnham, was born August 3, 1859, in Granville, Bradford county, Pennsylvania. His father was a native of Vermont, and his mother of Chemung county, New York. They located in Bradford county in the early forties, where his father followed the pro-

fession of civil engineer. He died November 19, 1864, and his wife, April 7, 1891. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Burnham was connected with the Masonic order. The subject of this sketch was their only child, and was reared in his native county. He obtained a good common school education, and in 1877 came to Mansfield, Tioga county, where he found employment as a clerk in Dr. C. V. Elliott's drug store. He remained in that position until 1890, and then embarked in business for himself, and has since carried on a drug, book and stationery store in Mansfield, and enjoys a good trade. On April 15, 1891, Mr. Burnham married Addie E. Curtis, a daughter of Charles and Hannah Curtis, of Norwich, New York. In politics, Mr. Burnham is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also connected with Mansfield Lodge, No. 526, I. O. O. F. Though one of the younger business men of Mansfield, Mr. Burnham enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people, and is recognized as a good business man and an enterprising citizen.

JOSEPH HUSTED was born in Southport, New York, December 17, 1820, a son of James and Catherine (Miller) Husted. His father was born in Burlington, Vermont, August 3, 1782, and settled at Southport at an early day. In 1838 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located on a farm in Covington, where he resided for a number of years. He afterward moved to Mansfield, where he died November 15, 1865. Joseph grew to manhood in Covington, and, August 24, 1843, married Juliet E., a daughter of Everett Winter and Lydia (Walker) Bloss, of Covington, who was born at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, on May 24, 1826. Her father was the oldest child of Aaron Bloss, a native of Killingby, Connecticut, born May 29, 1775, who settled in Chenango county, New York, whence he removed to Covington, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, and in 1802 located on the site of Blossburg, then a wilderness, which place was named in his honor. Upon his land was found bituminous coal, the first mine being opened by Mr. Bloss. He died at Covington, March 24, 1843. His son, Everett Winter Bloss, was born in Chenango county, New York, September 20, 1800, was reared in Blossburg, and removed to Covington in early manhood, where he resided until his death, September 29, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Husted are the parents of four children, viz: Cordelia L., deceased wife of David S. Ireland; Wilmot D., of Mansfield; Lyman S., a resident of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and Lelia I., wife of Burt Coe, of Covington. The parents are residents of Covington, and among the oldest citizens of that borough.

WILMOT D. HUSTED was born in Covington, Tioga county, April 15, 1856, and is the eldest son of Joseph Husted. He was educated in the public schools and the State Normal School, at Mansfield, and at the age of fifteen entered the employ of the Covington Glass Company, where he acted as office boy one year. He then became a clerk in the general store of Edwin Dyer, but in 1874 again entered the office of the Covington Glass Company. After attending the State Normal School until a member of the senior class, he taught school in the factory district of Covington. He next worked a few months for the Tioga Railroad Company, and then became a book-keeper for the Covington Glass Works, and a few months later manager for that concern. In 1878 he came to Mansfield and entered the bank of Ross & Williams, as book-keeper, which position he filled with slight interruption

until 1887, when he was promoted to head book-keeper, a position he still occupies. Mr. Husted was married January 20, 1876, to Kate Johnson, of Covington, Pennsylvania. Five children have been born to them, viz: Ray, Harry Lee, deceased; Marcus F., Leah Margaret and Genavene Louise. In politics, Mr. Husted is a Republican, and has served one term as burgess of Mansfield and two terms as a member of the school board. He is a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M., and a charter member of the Mansfield Hook and Ladder Company. He is secretary of the board of trade, and has always taken an active interest in promoting the general welfare of the borough.

JOHN HARMANUS VEDDER, son of Uri and Agnes Ellen Grieves (Joyce) Vedder, was born in Niskayuna, New York, September 2, 1830, the sixth in the line of descent from Harmon Albertse Vedder, a native of Holland, who was a trader at Beverwyck, New York, prior to 1657, and later settled at Schenectady. In 1662, when Schenectady was first laid out, he became one of its landed proprietors. The line of descent runs as follows: Harmon Albertse; Albert, born May 10, 1671; Harmanus, born September 3, 1704; Johannes, born September 9, 1750; Uri, born April 12, 1808, and John Harmanus. Albert was captured by the French and Indians at the burning of Schenectady in 1690, but returned to his home in safety. The subject of this sketch was married at Duanesburgh, New York, October 3, 1853, to Catherine Elizabeth McFarlan, to which union were born three children, viz: Darcy Alexander, born July 26, 1854, and died March 9, 1855; Wentworth Darcy, of Mansfield, and Mary Isabella, a resident of Troy, New York. A few years after his marriage Mr. Vedder removed to Oxford, Wisconsin, where he lived about one year. About 1859 he returned to New York state and took up his residence in Schenectady, where he died June 3, 1877. His wife died in the same place, July 19, 1861.

WENTWORTH D. VEDDER, M. D., was born in Oxford, Wisconsin, April 7, 1858, and is the only living son of John H. and Catherine E. Vedder. When he was about a year old his parents removed to Schenectady. He was educated in the common schools and at Union College, attending the latter institution from 1875 to 1877. At the death of his father he entered the office of Dr. Livingston Ellwood, of Schenectady, and subsequently took a course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, graduating in March, 1880, Prof. Oscar J. Coskery being his preceptor. He began the practice of medicine at Troupsburg, New York, the same year, whence he removed to Mansfield three months later, where he has since continued in the active duties of his profession. Dr. Vedder has recently taken a post-graduate course in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital; is a diligent student; keeps well abreast of the progress in medical and surgical science, and is recognized as a successful and skillful physician and surgeon. On January 6, 1885, he married Kate Baldwin, a daughter of Dr. Aaron and Fannie Baldwin, of Washington, D. C., who died April 26, following. On September 12, 1894, he married Cora Mahala Strait, a daughter of M. Sanford and Rhoda F. Strait, of Lawrence township, to which union has been born one son, Sanford Elihu, August 19, 1895. In politics, Dr. Vedder is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. He is one of the most advanced Masons in this section of the State, being Past Master of Friendship Lodge, No.

247, of Mansfield; Past High Priest of Westfield Chapter, No. 265, of Westfield; Eminent Commander of Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, of Wellsboro; a member of Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. He is also Past Noble Grand of Mansfield Lodge, No. 526, I. O. O. F., and Past Chief Patriarch of Sylvania Encampment. Dr. Vedder is an ex-president of the old Tioga County Medical Society, as well as of the present medical society. He is a member of the Elmira Academy of Medicine, and also of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. He has been a member of the pension board of Tioga county, appointed in 1888, and is one of the present consulting surgeons of the Cottage State Hospital, at Blossburg. Dr. Vedder is a member of the Holland Society of New York City, and is the owner of a Holland Dutch Bible that has been in the Vedder family since 1681. The Doctor is actively interested in the cause of education and is a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal School at Mansfield.

CEPHAS BAILEY was born in Andover, Vermont, May 16, 1806, there grew to manhood and married Caroline M. Wright, a native of South Londonderry, Vermont, who became the mother of the following children: Romanzo C., a resident of Elmira; Harrison C., of Mansfield; Victoria C., wife of Oscar Simonds, of Middlebury; Joseph O. W., deceased; Nancy A., wife of Horace L. Stevens, and two that died in early youth. They had also an adopted son, Henry C., now deceased. Romanzo C. served in Company F, Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers, whose march through Baltimore was one of the memorable events of the first month of the Rebellion. He also served as first lieutenant in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers; as captain of Company A, Eighth United States Colored Troops, and as first lieutenant of Company E, Thirty-fifth Pennsylvania Militia. The subject of this sketch was a farmer and came to Middlebury township, Tioga county, in 1856. After retiring from active work, he made his home with his son, Harrison C., in Mansfield, where he died December 23, 1884. His wife died August 1, 1878.

HARRISON C. BAILEY was born in Athens, Vermont, October 4, 1837, a son of Cephas Bailey, and came with his parents to Middlebury township, Tioga county, in 1856. He obtained a common school education, and was reared on a farm. On April 21, 1861, within a week of the fall of Fort Sumter, he enlisted in Company G, First Pennsylvania Rifles, known as Bucktails. His regiment was assigned to McCall's Division, of the Fifth Army Corps. On June 6, 1862, at the battle of Harrisonburgh, West Virginia, he was wounded four times, one of which necessitated the amputation of his left arm. Being thus incapacitated for further service, he remained in the hospitals at Mt. Jackson and Winchester, Virginia, and Baltimore, Maryland, until convalescent, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, July 21, 1862. Returning to Tioga county, he served as enrolling officer in Middlebury in 1862 and 1863, and as second quartermaster of the Eighteenth Congressional district, at Williamsport, in 1864-65. His grandfathers, Cyrus Bailey and Joseph Wright, served in the War of 1812, and his great-grandfather, Sylvester Bailey, served in the Revolution. Mr. Bailey was married October 19, 1863, to Minerva L. Stoddard, a daughter of George G. and Louisa (Jackson) Stoddard. She was born in Swansea, Vermont, November 11, 1839, and is the mother of six children,

viz: Frank H., a civil engineer, Elmira, New York; Eula I., wife of Frank A. Beach, of Elmira; May H., wife of L. A. Trowbridge, of Jackson township; Earl C., Joseph O. W. and Ralph J. Mr. Bailey is a staunch Republican, was treasurer of Tioga county in 1868-69, and has also served as constable of Middlebury township, and as a member of the borough council of Mansfield, where he has lived since 1877. He is a member of Mansfield Post, No. 48, G. A. R., in which he has filled the office of commander, while his wife is connected with Mansfield Corps, No. 6, W. R. C.

ISAAC STRAIT was born in Vermont, and came with his parents to Columbia township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, about 1812, and there grew to maturity. About 1830 he removed to Potter county, and became its first prothonotary. In 1841-42 he returned to Bradford county, where he resided until his death, in 1874. Mr. Strait was twice married. His first wife was Maria Benson, a daughter of Doctor Benson, who bore him the following children: Cornelia Sophia, wife of Edmund Case, a resident of Bradford county; William B., who died in early manhood; George France, who died in Minnesota, in 1888; Charles L., and Edward E., a resident of Topeka, Kansas. His second wife was Elizabeth Ayres, a daughter of Abijah Ayres, who bore him four children, viz: Churchill B., deceased; Maria, wife of Edward Reddington, of Bradford county; Lois L., wife of Nelson Maynard, a resident of the same county, and Mary, wife of William Bradford, who lives near Sylvania.

CHARLES L. STRAIT, a son of Isaac and Maria Strait, was born in Coudersport, Potter county, September 20, 1835. When eighteen years of age he began clerking in the store of A. D. Austin, of Austinville, Bradford county. In 1859 he came to Roseville, Tioga county, where he carried on a general store for about twenty years. Coming to Mansfield in 1879, he became a member of the hardware firm of Strait & Kohler, with which he was connected up to 1886, when he went to Carter county, Tennessee, and engaged in lumbering, his family, however, remaining in Mansfield. In 1890 he returned to Mansfield, where he has since lived. Although not actively engaged in business, he is interested in the hardware store conducted by his son, George L. Mr. Strait was married September 10, 1860, to Cordelia M. Watkins, a daughter of W. B. Watkins, of Bradford county, who has borne him four children, viz: George L., Thad B., Edith M., wife of Thomas D. Farrer, of Boise City, Idaho, and Fred W. Mr. Strait is a member of the Universalist church, and in politics, an adherent of the Republican party, his first presidential vote being cast for Abraham Lincoln.

GEORGE L. STRAIT, eldest son of Charles L. Strait, and grandson of Isaac Strait, was born in Austinville, Bradford county, December 2, 1865. He obtained a common school education, and became familiar with the practical details of business while clerking in his father's store. On October 24, 1888, he married Anna E. Westbrook, a daughter of J. H. Westbrook, and has two children, Walter C. and Blanche. Mr. Strait is the head of the hardware and tinsmithing house of George L. Strait, of Mansfield, and is noted for his energy and enterprise. In politics, a Republican, he has served as a member of the borough council. He is also connected with Friendship Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M.

LEVI HUBBARD SHATTUCK was born at Fayston, Vermont, September 1, 1816,

a son of Henry and Olive P. (Turner) Shattuck, natives of Massachusetts. He was but two years old when his parents located in Massachusetts, where he received his primary education in the common schools, later supplemented by terms at Deerfield, Hopkins and Amherst Academies. In the meantime he taught school a part of two years. In 1836 he removed to New Brunswick, New Jersey, and three years later to Plainfield, where he found employment as a locomotive fireman on the Elizabethtown and Somerville railroad, now the New Jersey Central. Within three months he became an engineer on the same road, and later took the position of station agent and contractor at Bound Brook, and followed the same business at Somerville, spending two years in this line of work. For the succeeding nine years he filled the position of conductor, three years on freight and six years on passenger trains. On the completion of the road to Easton, in July, 1852, Mr. Shattuck was appointed station agent at that place, which position he filled until November following, when he was tendered that of superintendent of the Corning, Blossburg and Tioga railroad. He accepted the office and made his headquarters at Corning, New York, for nearly fifteen years. In 1866 he removed to Blossburg, Tioga county, where he continued acting as superintendent of the Tioga road. That part of the road from Tioga Junction to Elmira was built under the management of Mr. Shattuck, as was also the section extending from Arnot to Hoytville, of which he was president. On December 1, 1883, he resigned the superintendency of the Tioga road for the purpose of recuperating his failing health, and retired to Mansfield in October, 1884. In a letter announcing the resignation of Mr. Shattuck, J. C. Guthrie, vice-president of the road, said:

For thirty-one years—with zeal, energy and honesty, through changes of ownership and administration—Mr. Shattuck has faithfully served the interests of the company, and in retiring bears with him its best wishes for his health and prosperity.

On December 16, 1884, he was again elected to his former position and resumed the duties of superintendent, but finally gave up the office towards the close of 1885. Retiring to his home in Mansfield he resided there up to his death, November 1, 1888, aged seventy-two years. In 1841 Mr. Shattuck married Sarah L. Pack, and reared a family of five children, all of whom are living, viz: Mrs. William F. Fox, of Albany, New York; Mrs. Charles H. Verrill, of Franklin, New York; Henry F., a resident of Buffalo; Mrs. Charles L. Shattuck, of Elmira, and Alfred J., a lawyer of Wellsboro. Mr. Shattuck was originally a Presbyterian, but united with the Baptist church after his marriage. He always took a prominent part in church work, as teacher of an adult Bible class, and was a deacon in the Mansfield church at the time of his death. He was a man of strong character, strict integrity, and love of truth. Possessing excellent business methods, whatever his hands found to do he did with all his energy, and his success in life was principally due to his industry and faithfulness in the discharge of every duty. Upright and honorable in all his dealings with the men under his charge, he merited and won the confidence of the company and their employes.

EBER VANKEUREN, M. D., was born in Showangunk, Ulster county, New York, January 25, 1821. He studied medicine and became a physician of the regular school, and for over forty years practiced in Hammondsport, Bath, Corning

and Painted Post, New York. On November 20, 1846, he married Sarah H. Baker, a descendant of Samuel Baker, the first settler of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. She was born in Pleasant Valley, New York, October 7, 1823, and became the mother of three children, viz: Frank, who died in childhood; Nellie B., wife of Samuel J. McCulloch, an attorney of Kansas City, Missouri, and a son of Rev. Samuel J. McCulloch, the first pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tioga, and Frank E., editor of the *Mansfield Advertiser*. Dr. VanKeuren died in Corning, New York, April 7, 1887, and his wife, December 3, 1886.

FRANK E. VANKEUREN, son of Dr. Eber VanKeuren, was born in Hammondsport, New York, October 26, 1861. He received a common school education and learned the printing trade in the office of the *Steuben Courier*, Bath, New York, where he worked four and a half years. He then found employment in the job department of the *Elmira Advertiser*, Elmira, New York, and was afterwards foreman of the same office. Returning to Bath, he worked there for a time, and then went to Wellsboro, Tioga county, where he had charge of the mechanical department of the *Advocate*. In the spring of 1885 he came to Mansfield and purchased the *Advertiser* from W. A. Rowland. In July following Sheridan E. Coles became his partner, and the paper has since been published by VanKeuren & Coles. The *Advertiser* is neutral in politics, and is devoted to the local interests of Mansfield and the eastern portion of the county. It is ably edited, its local columns readable and interesting, and it receives a liberal support. Mr. VanKeuren is well known as a practical printer, and in the spring of 1896 he received the appointment as instructor of the art of printing in the New York Trade School. On September 6, 1888, Mr. VanKeuren married Catherine E. VanNess, a daughter of P. V. and Celia (Reynolds) VanNess, to which union have been born two children, Ralph H. and Helen. In politics, Mr. VanKeuren is a Republican, and has served as burgess of Mansfield. In religion, he is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and is Past Master of Friendship Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M.

SHERIDAN E. COLES was born in Elmira, New York, June 14, 1854, a son of Samuel and Sarah J. (Ferry) Coles. His father is a native of England, and his mother of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of six children, viz: Stella, wife of L. L. Flower, of Lamb's Creek; Sheridan E., of Mansfield; Arthur and Samuel, both of whom are in the marble business in St. Louis, Missouri; Mary, wife of J. O. Spelman, of Rochester, New York, and William, with Rogers, Peet & Company, of New York. The subject of this sketch was two years old when his parents removed from Elmira to Wellsboro, Tioga county, where they remained until he was twelve years of age. He learned the printing trade in the offices of the *Titusville Courier* and *Oil City Derrick*, afterwards worked in Elmira, and for a time in the state printing office, Topeka, Kansas. In December, 1882, he came to Mansfield, and worked in the office of the *Advertiser* until July, 1885, when he became a partner of Frank E. VanKeuren, under the firm name of VanKeuren & Coles, who have since owned and published the paper. On March 23, 1881, Mr. Coles married Nora A. Stacey, a daughter of Mrs. M. A. Stacey, of Leona, Bradford county, who has borne him four children, viz: Edwin S., Percy A., Inez M. and Lora Aline. In politics, Mr. Coles is a Republican. He is a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M., and of Mansfield Lodge, No. 526, I. O. O. F.

JOSEPH SCHUSLER was born in Delmar township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1839, a son of Frederick and Sarah (Sofield) Schusler. His father was a native of Germany and his mother of New Jersey. The former was born August 1, 1801, came to America in 1819 and worked in a sugar house in New York City for many years. He then removed to Beaver Dam, New York, where he farmed until about the year 1836, when he came to Tioga county. Here he still continued to follow agriculture. He died in Mansfield, February 11, 1890. His wife was born in 1804, and died April 14, 1892. By a former marriage, he was the father of one son, Frederick, who now resides near Wellsboro. Six children were born of his second marriage, viz: Susan, Julia, Joseph, Sarah, Ella and Alice. The subject of this sketch was reared in Tioga county, and in early manhood engaged in railroading, first as fireman for two years and subsequently as engineer for sixteen years on the Tioga railroad. He then settled on a farm in Richmond township, where he lived ten years, when he traded it for property in Mansfield, which has since been his home. Mr. Schusler also owns a farm of forty acres near that borough. On March 4, 1897, he married Mrs. Amy D. Taylor, of Mansfield. In politics, he is a Republican, and has been a member of the borough council four years. He is connected with the Masonic order, and in all the relations of life is an exemplary citizen.

JAMES ARGETSINGER, a native of Montgomery county, New York, was born December 27, 1798. His wife, Catherine Winnie, a native of the same county, was born September 4, 1798, and became the mother of the following children: Hugh, a resident of Mansfield; Philip, deceased, who was born November 25, 1824; Sarah M., deceased, born November 15, 1826; J. G., a resident of Mansfield, born May 3, 1828; Hannah, born May 16, 1831; Jane M., deceased, born July 29, 1834, and Frank W., born October 18, 1836. Mr. Argetsinger came to Rutland township, Tioga county, about 1838, where he passed the remainder of his life. He died November 8, 1875, and his wife, September 19, 1883.

HUGH ARGETSINGER was born in Montgomery county, New York, January 6, 1823, and is the eldest child of James Argetsinger. He was about fifteen years old when his parents located in Rutland township, Tioga county, where he grew to manhood on the homestead farm. In March, 1862, he married Sarah Baker, a daughter of Holland Baker, of Rutland township, who bore him one daughter, Nora, deceased wife of Frank Burdick. He married for his second wife, Elmina Prutsman, who died in March, 1871. On January 14, 1873, he married Helen Prutsman, to which union have been born two children, Charles L. and Roy J. Mr. Argetsinger resided on his farm of 150 acres, near Roseville, in Rutland township, up to the spring of 1881, when he removed to Roseville, where he resided nine years. He then became a resident of Mansfield for the purpose of educating his children. In religion, he is a member of the Baptist church, and in politics, an adherent of the Republican party.

VARDIS SHAW was born in Plainfield, Massachusetts, in 1799, a son of Joshua and Sarah (Hawes) Shaw, who came to Tioga county in 1811. They settled at Lamb's Creek, where Vardis grew to manhood. He married Eleanor Clark, a sister of Justus B. Clark, and soon after moved into Sullivan township. He returned to the old homestead in 1838, where the remaining years of his life were passed.

He died March 24, 1863, and his wife, April 22, 1859. They were the parents of the following named children: Julia, Cynthia and Andrew, all deceased; Christina, who married Austin Bell, and after his death David Hart, now also deceased; David Porter, deceased; Maria, wife of William Althouse, of Oregon, Illinois; William M., and Daniel, the last deceased.

WILLIAM M. SHAW, a son of Vardis Shaw, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, January 8, 1834, and was reared on the old homestead at Lamb's Creek. In 1856 he went to Illinois and in 1857 to Doniphan county, Kansas, where he became a member of James Lane's Free State army. He subsequently lived in Nemaha county. In 1861 he returned to Tioga county, and in October of that year enlisted in the quartermaster's department of the Army of the Potomac, in which he served two years and seven months. On March 16, 1865, he married Emma Wells, a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza Wells, who bore him eight children, as follows: Benton, deceased; Della, wife of Jesse Garrison, of Job's Corners; Blanche, wife of Howard Lewis, of Richmond township; Wells, Alfred, Nellie, William and Edna. After his marriage, Mr. Shaw settled on his present farm in Richmond township, where he owns a well-improved property of 180 acres. In politics, he is an ardent Democrat, and has served as supervisor of Richmond for ten years. He is also a member of the Mansfield Grange, and is one of the leading farmers of the township.

PETER WHITEKER was born in Canada, April 14, 1796. During the War of 1812, his father was drafted into the British service. Peter went as his substitute, but not liking to fight against the United States, he deserted and took up his residence in Schoharie county, New York. There he met and married Ruth Lownsbury, a daughter of Isaac Lownsbury, October 13, 1816. She was born April 3, 1799. In 1818 Mr. Whitteker, his young wife and her father came to Tioga county and located at Canoe Camp. A few years later he removed about two miles southeast of his first location, on Canoe Camp creek, which has since been the family homestead. Here he resided until his death, in 1877. To Peter and Ruth Whitteker were born the following children: Catherine, deceased wife of S. L. Barber; Seth, of Richmond township; Plyna, who died March 26, 1895; Ari, deceased; Matilda, wife of Russell Gillet, of Mansfield; Anna Maria, deceased wife of Samuel Goodall; Mrs. Susan Eaton, of Michigan; Barney, who lives on the old homestead; Lydia Jane, widow of James Cudworth; Mary, deceased wife of E. W. Phelps; Olive, deceased; Nancy Margaret, wife of Morris Gillet, of Steuben county, New York; Albert Melville, a resident of Thayer, Kansas, and Amanda Melvina, wife of Alexander Mott, of The Dalles, Oregon.

SETH WHITEKER, eldest son of Peter Whitteker, was born in Canoe Camp, Tioga county, October 25, 1818. He was reared on the homestead farm in Richmond township, and attended the common schools in boyhood. On August 26, 1840, he married Ruhamah Robinson, a daughter of Erastus and Ruhamah Robinson, natives of Rutland county, Vermont. Eleven children have been born to this marriage, as follows: Sarah, Catherine, wife of Walter Phelps, of The Dalles, Oregon; Rosalia, and Candace, both deceased; Helena, deceased wife of Watson Phelps; Almeron, James, a resident of Richmond township; Anna, wife of Edward Thomas, of Amboy, Washington; Nelson, Celia, who resides near Amboy, and Lincoln, who lives near

his father. In politics, Mr. Whitteker is a Democrat, and has served as supervisor two terms, as school director eleven years and as auditor several terms. He has lived on his present farm nearly forty years. It was a part of the Bingham estate, and originally comprised sixty-one acres, which he has added to by purchase until he now owns over 200 acres. Mr. Whitteker is one of the oldest living persons born in the township, as well as one of its most substantial and respected citizens.

MICHAEL FRALIC was born in Unadilla, New York, August 18, 1802. He was a millwright, and also followed rafting. In 1831 he came to Tioga county to erect a saw-mill for Daniel Sherwood and his sons on the Tioga river, one-half mile below Lamb's Creek bridge. He followed lumbering for several years and then purchased 200 acres of land two miles up Lamb's creek, which he cleared for the timber. He lived on this tract up to 1852, when he removed to Lamb's Creek. About 1858 he bought the old Gad Lamb water-power saw-mill of Hoard & Beach, and followed the manufacture of lumber until about 1860. He then retired from business, and was succeeded by his sons, Daniel L. and M. H., in 1866, who have since carried on the enterprise under the firm name of Fralic Brothers. Mr. Fralic married Angeline Lamb, a daughter of Daniel Lamb, son of the pioneer, Gad Lamb, to which union were born the following children: Jerusha L. and Rachel, both deceased; Daniel L., a member of the lumber firm of Fralic & Flower, Corning, New York, and of Fralic Brothers, Lamb's Creek, and M. H., a resident of the latter place. Mrs. Fralic died in August, 1877, and her husband, December 24, 1885, aged eighty-three years.

M. H. FRALIC, youngest child of Michael Fralic, was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, September 16, 1844, on what is now known as the Wilson Day farm, in Lamb's Creek valley. From his youth up to the present he has been engaged in lumbering. The old mill being damaged by water in 1869, they built a new one in 1870, on the west side of the river, substituting steam for water power. Its daily capacity is 10,000 feet and the product consists of lumber, lath, flooring, siding, etc. Mr. Fralic was married December 16, 1869, to Maria J. Doane, a daughter of Julius and Julia Doane, of Covington, Tioga county, who bore him four children, viz: Willard E., who is setter in the mill of Fralic & Flower, of Corning; Walter R., George D. and Harry B. Mrs. Fralic died in August, 1889, and he was again married July 16, 1894, to Sarah Elizabeth Perry, widow of William Perry. During the Rebellion, Mr. Fralic enlisted twice. He served six weeks in Company K, Thirty-fifth Emergency Men, and in the fall of 1864 again enlisted, in Company K, Two Hundred and Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served in the battles of Hatcher's Run, Weldon Railroad and Appomattox. Politically, he is a Republican, and has served several terms as treasurer of Richmond township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Lamb's Creek, and also of Mansfield Post, No. 48, G. A. R., of Mansfield.

WELCOME JAQUISH was the eldest child of Joseph and Clarissa M. (Reynolds) Jaquish, and was born in Delaware county, New York, May 22, 1816. In June, 1828, the family came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Covington township, on the farm where Charles Jaquish now lives. Welcome was then twelve years old, and he assisted his parents in clearing up the homestead, on which he grew to maturity, and subsequently removed to the Cleveland settlement, in Sullivan

township. On May 9, 1841, he married Roxina Cleveland, a daughter of Aaron and Betsey Cleveland, of Sullivan township, and in 1847 they settled on the farm in the southeastern part of Richmond township, on which their son, E. W., now lives. They became the parents of the following children: Avery W., deceased; Horace A., E. W., of Richmond; Permelia E., widow of James S. Jeliff; Clarissa M., who died January 13, 1883; Ada A., who died May 8, 1867; Elias, who died in June, 1886; Ira M., who died March 5, 1858; Ira R., who died in infancy; Floyd D., a resident of Sullivan township; Irene, who died January 3, 1862, and Emma R., who died September 10, 1864. Mr. Jaquish died upon the homestead farm in 1884, in the sixty-ninth year of his age.

E. W. JAQUISH, a son of Welcome and Roxina Jaquish, was born on the homestead in Richmond township, Tioga county, June 12, 1847, and obtained a common school education. In 1870 he engaged in the meat business, running a wagon through the mining districts for the accommodation of the miners, and five years later opened a meat market in Fall Brook. This he continued until the fall of 1884, when he settled on the old homestead. This farm, which in 1847 consisted of fifty-two acres, has been added to from time to time until Mr. Jaquish now owns 386 acres of land lying in Richmond, Covington and Sullivan townships. He is one of the largest land owners and heaviest tax payers in the county and has accumulated this property by untiring industry and good management. On April 27, 1881, Mr. Jaquish married Martha Preston, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Preston, of Union township, who has borne him six children, as follows: Orrin W., Daniel P., Elvin W., Francis M., John J., and Harry, the last of whom died in childhood. In politics, Mr. Jaquish is an ardent Republican, and has served as township auditor. He is a member of the K. of H. and the I. O. O. F. societies.

ORLANDO W. WATKINS was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1860, and is the only son of S. and Sarah (Roblyer) Watkins. His father was a native of Columbia township, Bradford county, and was reared in that and Sullivan township, locating in the southwest corner of the latter in 1859, where he made his home until his death, January 16, 1889. His widow lives with her son in Richmond township. They were the parents of two children, viz: Orlando W., of Richmond township, and Nellie, wife of F. W. Horton, of Covington township. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, supplemented later by a two years' course at the State Normal School, Mansfield. He has devoted his attention to farming and lumbering, and is the owner of two farms, one of fifty acres, a part of the old homestead, and one of sixty-two acres on Canoe Camp creek, in Richmond township. The latter he purchased in 1889, and it is his present home. Mr. Watkins was married March 16, 1887, to Bettie Baity, a daughter of Edson and Rosalie Baity, of Sullivan township, and has two children, Edson and Lyle. In politics, Mr. Watkins is a Republican, and is also a member of Mainesburg Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a progressive and enterprising farmer and stands high in the esteem of his neighbors.

FRANCIS FLOWER was born in West Springfield, Massachusetts, August 14, 1811, a son of Alfred and Harriet Leonard Flower. His parents reared the following children: Eleanor, deceased wife of William B. Ripley; Sarah, who lives on the old homestead in Massachusetts; Lucius, deceased; Alfred, and Samuel,

residents of West Springfield, Massachusetts; Francis and Harriet, the latter deceased. The father was a farmer, and a prominent citizen of Springfield. He served in the Massachusetts legislature, and was for a number of years a justice of the peace and overseer of the poor. He lived to the ripe old age of over ninety years. The subject of this sketch remained with his parents until the age of sixteen when he went to Hartford, Connecticut, where he clerked in a store until he was twenty-five. He then removed to Rochester, New York, and engaged in the grocery business, which he followed a few years later in Buffalo, where he also filled the office of justice of the peace. He spent several years in New Orleans, Cincinnati, and other places, prosecuting business ventures. In 1867 he came to Tioga county and became a member of the milling and lumbering firm of Flower & Waters, of which his brother Lucius was the head. This firm afterwards became Shaw, Flower & Company. They operated a saw-mill about a mile above the village of Lamb's Creek, on the stream of the same name. About 1875 Mr. Flower located in Lamb's Creek and opened a grocery store, which he still carries on. In 1881 he married Augusta A. Luther. Politically, Mr. Flower is a Democrat, and in religion, a Presbyterian. He is one of the oldest citizens of Tioga county, notwithstanding which he is in full possession of mind and memory, and quite an active and vigorous man.

B. H. OSGOOD was born in Chemung county, New York, April 11, 1852, and came with his parents to Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1857. His father died in that township, and his mother still lives there. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Hannah J., deceased; Nathaniel, a resident of Charleston; Levi, who lives near Keeneyville; Frank, a resident of Michigan; B. H., of Richmond township; Elizabeth, wife of Shuble Peters, of Elmira, and Mary, wife of Calvin Nixon, of Lawrenceville. The subject of this sketch received a common school education and in early manhood followed lumbering. About the year 1878 he purchased 113 acres of land on Pickle hill, which he still owns. Twelve years later he rented the old Asa Mann farm, north of Mansfield borough, now the property of R. W. Rose, which he has successfully cultivated in connection with his own homestead, and now ranks among the successful and progressive farmers of the township. Mr. Osgood was married April 6, 1872, to Elizabeth McConnell, a daughter of Henry McConnell, to which union have been born eight children, viz: Ruth, Clarence and Leonard, both deceased; Watson, Irvin, Levina, Eva and Walter. In politics, Mr. Osgood is a Republican, and has served as a supervisor in Richmond township. He is also a member of the Mansfield Grange, and in religion, an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church.

SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP AND MAINESBURG.

SAMUEL REYNOLDS came from Vermont about 1803, to Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and was one of the first settlers in that part of the county. For the first few years after his settlement, he, and sometimes his wife, was compelled to go to Williamsport on horseback to secure provisions and household necessities for his family. There were no roads through Sullivan at that period, excepting mere bridle-paths cut out by the pioneers. He was married

before coming to this county, in 1801, to Anna Mann, of Rhode Island, and brought his young wife into the wilderness of Sullivan township to share his trials and hardships. Ten children were born to them, viz: Mrs. Eliza Austin, Draper, Thomas, Mrs. Phoebe Rew, Lyman, Mrs. Leonora Hazard, Mahala, Almeda, Asa and Joshua, all of whom are dead except Mrs. Hazard, who resides in Illinois. Besides rearing this large family, the parents secured a competence to protect them in old age, though it was acquired by the greatest industry and the most rigid economy. Mr. Reynolds and family were firm adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, he was a staunch Democrat, and took an active part in political affairs. He died in 1843, aged about sixty years. His wife survived him eleven years, dying in 1854, aged seventy.

THOMAS REYNOLDS, second son of Samuel and Anna Reynolds, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, February 25, 1808. He died October 3, 1896, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest citizens of his native county. In boyhood he had no educational advantages, as there were no schools in his neighborhood at that early day, but through the passing years he obtained that practical knowledge of men and affairs which a man learns as he travels along the pathway of life. In 1832 he married Amelia Webster, of Sullivan township, to which union were born four children, viz: VanBuren, Cyrus, a resident of Illinois; Lyman, deceased, and Nelson. Mrs. Reynolds died in 1851, and believing that his children needed a mother's care, he was again married April 10, 1853, to Mary Moore, a daughter of James Moore, of Sylvania, Bradford county, who is the mother of one daughter, Mrs. Ella Rumsey. In politics, Mr. Reynolds was always an ardent Democrat, casting his first vote for Andrew Jackson for President. At the time of his death he was the oldest citizen in Sullivan township, and was in full possession of all his faculties, except that of sight. He possessed a most wonderful memory, and his reminiscences of pioneer days and events were very interesting. He was postmaster of the office now known as Sullivan during President Van Buren's administration, and also served as constable, collector, supervisor and justice of the peace. He assisted to clear the land now embraced within the borough of Mansfield, and particularly that portion on which the bank and Hotel Allen now stand. Mr. Reynolds and wife were members of State Road Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was the first Sabbath-school superintendent, and which he helped to build and maintain. For many years he was class leader and steward of the church, but when his eyesight failed him, he was compelled to give up active church work. Mr. Reynolds was a man of progressive ideas and public spirit, upright in all things, and respected by the leading people of his native county.

JAMES GRAY, SR., was born in Sharon, Connecticut, in 1760, and there grew to manhood. He resided a few years in Boston, Massachusetts, and then removed to Cooperstown, New York. In 1805 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located in what is now known as Gray's valley, which was so named in his honor, where he bought 1,000 acres of land and paid cash for it. The place of his settlement is one of the prettiest and most fertile spots in Tioga county, and he was one of the earliest among the pioneers of the township. Little of his early life is known by his descendants, except that he served seven years in the Continental army, and thus did his full share towards establishing this free government. He was dis-

charged from the service with the rank of captain. In 1785, he married Parthenia White, of Norfolk, Connecticut, who bore him a family of nine children, as follows: John, James, Silas, George W., Rensselaar, Betsey, Mrs. Aurelia Ripley, Mrs. Evelina Rumsey, and Mrs. Melissa Reynolds. Mr. Gray was originally a Federalist and afterwards a Whig. In religion, both he and his wife were Episcopalians. He died March 1, 1846, his wife having preceded him to the grave, in May, 1833.

JAMES GRAY, second son of James Gray, Sr., was born in Sharon, Connecticut, November 25, 1790, and removed with his parents to Otsego county, New York, in childhood. When he was fifteen years old the family located in Sullivan township, Tioga county, and his subsequent life was passed in Gray's valley. On September 11, 1817, he married Maria Campbell, of Springfield, Bradford county, who bore him one son, Victor M., since deceased. Mrs. Gray died February 26, 1820, and on December 28th following, he married Lorena Doud, who bore him six children, as follows: Mrs. Isabella Reynolds, deceased; Lafayette; Mrs. Louisa Robbins, who lives at Corning; Mrs. Henrietta Young, deceased; Delaune, deceased, and Mrs. Lorancy Baker, deceased. Mrs. Gray died October 2, 1833, and on May 19, 1844, he married Martha Pinkham, of Tioga, who bore him one daughter, Mrs. Ida P. Webster, of Williamsport. Mr. Gray died July 25, 1860. His widow survived until July 10, 1877, and died at the residence of her daughter in Williamsport. He was a Whig until 1828, when he supported Andrew Jackson for the presidency, and remained a Democrat until 1856. In that year he became a Republican, and voted that ticket until his death. For nearly twenty-five years he served as a justice of the peace, and was postmaster at Gray's Valley a long period. Mr. Gray and family were members of the Baptist church, in which he filled the offices of clerk and deacon for many years.

LAFAYETTE GRAY, eldest son of James and Lorena Gray, was born on the homestead in Gray's valley, Sullivan township, Tioga county, March 20, 1824. He obtained a good common school education, and from 1846 to 1855 he taught in the public schools of the county. Since that time he has devoted his attention to farming, making dairying a specialty. On October 3, 1847, he married Amanda V. Haven, of Bradford county, who bore him four children, viz: James E., Wilton D., Mrs. Alice Rose, and Fred L., a resident of California. Mrs. Gray died February 8, 1887, and he was again married May 19, 1891, to Mrs. Aletta Baker, a daughter of Laben L. and Nancy Rockwell, of Rutland township. Prior to 1856, Mr. Gray was a Democrat, since which year he has been an ardent Republican. He filled the office of school director about nine years, and both he and his family are connected with the Baptist church.

WILTON D. GRAY, second son of Lafayette and Amanda V. Gray, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, January 31, 1853, and was reared upon the homestead farm. After completing his primary education in the district schools, he attended the Wellsboro graded schools until 1870, since which time he has devoted his attention to farming. He was married October 22, 1878, to Anna Rose, a daughter of Elliott S. Rose, of Sullivan township, and has two children, viz: Nellie, born October 9, 1888, and Jessie, March 21, 1892. Mr. Gray is a stanch Republican, and both he and wife are members of the State Road Baptist church. He is connected with Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F., and takes a deep interest in

public affairs. Mr. Gray is recognized as one of the progressive young farmers of his native township, in which his entire life has been passed.

PAUL CUDWORTH was born in Massachusetts, there grew to manhood and married Sarah Drinkwater, a native of the same State. Their children were Paul, Apollos, Samuel, James, Mollie, who married Hanover Pitts, and Susannah, who married Noah Rumsey, Sr. Mr. Cudworth removed with his family to Vermont, remaining there until about 1808, when he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Sullivan township. He and wife were pioneers of that locality and passed the remaining years of their lives in Sullivan.

JAMES CUDWORTH, SR., son of Paul Cudworth, was born in Massachusetts, August 17, 1795, and came with his parents to Sullivan township, Tioga county, when about thirteen years old. He served as a drummer boy in the War of 1812. Soon after arriving at his majority he married Anna Doud, a daughter of Peleg Doud, one of the pioneers of Sullivan township. She was born September 17, 1799, and bore him the following named children: Jerome B., of Mainesburg; Sarah Ann, widow of Edward A. Fish, of Wellsboro; James and William, both deceased; Julia Ann, and Paul C., a resident of Michigan. Mr. Cudworth died April 18, 1836, on the farm now the home of his grandson, James C. Cudworth. His wife died January 16, 1866.

JAMES CUDWORTH, a son of James Cudworth, Sr., was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1826, and there grew to manhood. He obtained very little schooling and spent his early life upon a farm. On May 30, 1849, he married Lydia J. Whitteker, a daughter of Peter Whitteker, of Richmond township, who became the mother of three children, viz: Julia L., born September 17, 1851, wife of J. W. DeWitt; Virginia L., born October 7, 1853, wife of C. F. Parkhurst, and James C. Mr. Cudworth removed to Mainesburg in 1885, entering into partnership with his son-in-law, J. W. DeWitt, in the mercantile business. He remained in that business until March, 1892, when he sold out and returned to his farm, where he died, July 16, 1892. His widow resides in Mainesburg. He was a member of Cherry Flats Baptist church, to which his family also adheres. In politics, he was a stanch Democrat, and during the Rebellion he gave both time and money liberally towards raising troops to defend the flag and preserve the Union.

JAMES C. CUDWORTH was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, May 3, 1863, on the farm which he now owns and resides upon. He attended the district schools in boyhood, and afterwards the State Normal School at Mansfield. After working on the homestead farm five years, he formed a partnership with J. W. DeWitt and engaged in merchandising at Mainesburg, which business he followed for two years. In 1886 he purchased the old homestead, and has since given his attention to agriculture. He makes a specialty of dairying, keeps from twenty to twenty-five cows, and is one of the partners in the Mainesburg Co-operative Creamery. Mr. Cudworth was married May 12, 1882, to Grace D. Maine, a daughter of Dr. G. D. Maine, of Mainesburg, and has two children, Katie E. and Charles J. He is an ardent Democrat, and has filled the office of school director. In religion, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Mainesburg, to which society his family also belong, and is held in high esteem by his neighbors.

PELEG DOUD, a native of Hubbardton, Vermont, came to Tioga county, Penn-

sylvania, about 1808 or 1809, and settled in Sullivan township. He was married in Vermont to Isabella Rumsey, to which union were born ten children, eight in Vermont and two in Sullivan township, viz: Millie, who died in youth; Sally, who married John Gray; Betsey, who married Roswell Webster; Lorena, who married James Gray; Anna, who married James Cudworth, Sr.; Lurancy, who married Levi Rexford; Philemon, Munson, Peleg W. and Ripley H. Mrs. Doud died in 1814. Her husband survived until about 1840, dying at a ripe old age. Mr. Doud was one of the first settlers in Sullivan township. For many years he was a deacon in the Baptist church and services were often held at his house. In politics, he was a Whig.

REV. PELEG W. DOUD was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, May 29, 1810, a son of Peleg Doud. He was reared on the farm and obtained his education in the common schools. For many years he was a minister of the Free Will Baptist church, and also a member of the church board of officers. On December 25, 1832, he married Amanda R. Packard, a daughter of John and Rebecca Packard, of Sullivan township. Five children were born to this union, viz: Warren, Hobart R., Omer P., Annie, and Helen, wife of Daniel F. Rumsey. Mrs. Doud died June 9, 1893. Her mother, now in her 102nd year, resides in Covington township. Mr. Doud makes his home with his son-in-law, Daniel F. Rumsey, of Sullivan. In early life he was a Whig, but has been a Republican since the organization of that party. He is now one of the oldest living persons born in Tioga county.

RUSSELL ROSE was one of the first settlers in what is now Ward township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He was born in Connecticut, June 11, 1753. Little is known of his early life, but at the age of twenty-three he enlisted in the Continental army and served throughout that struggle for liberty. While in camp at Valley Forge he was promoted to serve as an aide on Washington's staff, and did good and efficient service. After the war was over he returned to Connecticut, where he married Phoebe Orvis, who bore him two children, Achsah and Phoebe. Mrs. Rose died in November, 1786, and in March, 1788, he married Lydia Orvis. She was born in Norfolk, Connecticut, March 20, 1764, and became the mother of eight children, as follows: Daniel, Sophronia, Rexford, Crippin, Enos, Rebecca, the widow of John Packard, who now resides in Covington, Tioga county, at the extraordinary age of 101, being the only survivor of the family; Lydia, and Phoebe. Mr. Rose and family came from Connecticut to Tioga county in 1807, and located in the midst of an unbroken forest, in what is now Ward township, but soon afterward removed to Sullivan township, and settled on the State road. With the assistance of his children, he rapidly cleared off quite a snug little farm, and at his death, June 1, 1830, he was one of the best known men in the county. In politics, he was originally a Federalist, and afterwards cast his fortunes with the Whig party. Both he and wife were members of the Baptist church. She survived her husband over a quarter of a century, dying June 3, 1857. It is stated of Mr. Rose that during President Monroe's administration, he went afoot to Washington, D. C., to see why his pension had been withheld from him. On his arrival the officer in charge said he could not attend to his case until the next day, but Mr. Rose threatening to go to the President direct, he promptly rectified the matter, and the old veteran returned home as he had gone, arriving there none the worse for his long tramp.

DANIEL ROSE, eldest son of Russell and Lydia Rose, was born in Norfolk, Connecticut, May 16, 1789, and there grew to manhood. He came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, two years after his father, and settled in the eastern part of Sullivan township, on what is now the State road. He enlisted in the War of 1812, and served until May, 1814, when he returned to his home in Tioga county. In September, 1814, he married Sally Elliott, a daughter of Nathaniel Elliott, of Covington, Tioga county. She taught the first school opened in Richmond township. Eight children were born to this marriage, viz: James M., Elliott S., Mrs. Sally Ely, Russell B., Mrs. Clarissa Wheeler, Daniel, Enos, and one that died in early youth. Of these Elliott S. and Russell B. are living. The family were connected with the State Road Baptist church, in which faith the parents lived and died. In politics, Mr. Rose was an enthusiastic Whig, and a great admirer of Henry Clay. He died February 4, 1852, in his sixty-third year. His wife survived him over eighteen years, dying August 26, 1870, in the seventy-eighth year of her age.

ELLIOTT S. ROSE, second son of Daniel and Sally Rose, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, June 18, 1817. He attended the district schools in boyhood, obtaining but a limited education, and later engaged in farming, which, with the exception of about twenty years spent in buying and selling cattle, he made his life vocation, his specialty being dairying and sheep raising. Mr. Rose was married October 28, 1841, to Laura A. Morgan, a daughter of Dennis and Betsey (Black) Morgan, natives of Blanford, Massachusetts. She was born in Blanford, February 2, 1824, and was only eight years old when her parents settled in Sullivan township, Tioga county. She is the mother of four children, all of whom are living, viz: William Pembroke, Warren D., Anna, wife of Wilton D. Gray, and Morgan E. Mr. Rose is a leading member of the State Road Baptist church, and has been an officer in that body for many years. He was originally a Whig, casting his first vote for William Henry Harrison for president in 1840, and when the Republican party was organized he became one of its most enthusiastic workers. He served as auditor and constable for many years. On October 28, 1891, Mr. and Mrs. Rose celebrated their golden wedding, and it is said by one who was there, that "a more pleasant and happy couple could not be found in Tioga county." Mr. Rose can look back with pardonable pride on a successful business career and a life filled with good deeds and kind actions.

WILLIAM PEMBROKE ROSE was born on the old homestead in Sullivan township, Tioga county, December 4, 1846, and is the eldest child of Elliott S. and Laura A. Rose. After completing the common school course, he attended the State Normal School at Mansfield until 1865. He then entered the Commercial College at Binghamton, New York, from which he was graduated February 3, 1867, thus completing his education. In 1869-70, he conducted a store at Fall Brook, Tioga county. He afterwards returned to the farm in Sullivan township, on which he remained until 1886, when he and M. F. Rose purchased a store in Mainesburg, and carried on the mercantile business there for six years. After retiring from that business, he and his brother, Warren D., under the firm name of Rose Brothers, commenced buying and shipping to the eastern markets hay, grain and all kinds of farm produce, in which they have been highly successful and still continue. Mr. Rose was married November 25, 1870, to Harriet Palmer, a daughter of Nathan Palmer, of Sullivan

township, Tioga county, and has one son, Elmer N. Mr. Rose and wife are members of the Baptist church, in which he fills the office of clerk. He is a staunch Republican, and has held nearly every office in Mainesburg at different periods, including the office of postmaster during Harrison's administration. He is one of the oldest members and Past Grands of Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F., is recognized as a substantial and successful business man, and is held in high esteem by the best people of the community.

WARREN D. ROSE, second son of Elliott S. and Laura A. Rose, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, February 2, 1850, and grew to manhood upon the homestead farm. He obtained a common school education, later attended the State Normal School at Mansfield, and began teaching when but sixteen years of age, following that vocation in Sullivan township six years. In the meantime he devoted some attention to his farm duties, and also began buying and shipping live stock. He subsequently entered into partnership with his brother, William P., for the purpose of buying farmers' produce, in which line they have done a very large business, being to-day among the extensive dealers in the county. Warren D. has also been a successful live-stock buyer for twenty-five years. Mr. Rose was married October 22, 1872, to Alice Gray, only daughter of Lafayette Gray, of Sullivan township, and has four children: Edith, a graduate of the State Normal School at Mansfield, in the class of 1895, who is now engaged in teaching; Fred E., Warren Gray, and an infant son. Mr. Rose is a staunch Republican, and has served as township treasurer for several years. He and family are adherents of the State Road Baptist church, in which he fills the office of trustee. He is looked upon as one of the most energetic and worthy citizens of his native township.

MORGAN E. ROSE, youngest son of Elliott S. Rose, was born on the homestead in Sullivan township, Tioga county, February 26, 1859. After completing a common school education, he took a course in the State Normal School at Mansfield, and then settled down to farm life. He manages about 400 acres of land, including his father's homestead, and has devoted much time to stock raising. He is also engaged in business in Mansfield, as a dealer in coal, wood and builders' supplies. On December 20, 1882, he married Nellie Miller, a daughter of Darwin D. Miller, of Sullivan township, and has one daughter, Edna. He and wife are members of the State Road Baptist church, in which he has been superintendent of the Sabbath-school for several years. In politics, Mr. Rose is a Republican, and is one of the progressive farmers of Sullivan township.

DENNIS MORGAN was born in Blanford, Hampden county, Massachusetts, in 1801, a son of Simeon and Elizabeth (Sewell) Morgan, of the same State. His father was a native of Wales, and a farmer by occupation. He followed his son to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of seventy-four years. In 1832 Dennis Morgan came to Sullivan township, Tioga county, where he bought a farm of 100 acres, which he cleared and improved. He married Betsey Black, a native of Massachusetts, born in 1801. She bore him three daughters and one son, named as follows: Laura Ann, wife of Elliott S. Rose; Jane E., who married Russell B. Rose; Maryett, who married D. D. Miller, and Fordyce S. Mr. Morgan and wife were members of the Baptist church, and died in that faith. He took a deep interest

in church work and acted as clerk for many years. In politics, he was a Whig. He was captain of a local militia company, and was a man of soldiery bearing.

NOAH RUMSEY, SR., was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, March 20, 1768, and was a son of Isaac Rumsey. His grandfather, Joseph Rumsey, was a son of Robert Rumsey, a grandson of William Rumsey, and a great-grandson of Robert Rumsey, Sr., who settled in Connecticut in 1645. Noah grew to manhood in his native county, and married Susannah Cudworth, who bore him a family of twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Mrs. Sally Austin, Aaron, Noah, Mrs. Deziah Grandy, Leander D., Orlando S., Jesse C., Mrs. Olivia DeWitt, Joseph, Ameda and Abigail, all of whom are dead. Mr. Rumsey came from Hubbardton, Vermont, to Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1807. He built the first grist-mill in this section of the county, on the site of Mainesburg, which he operated for a few years and then sold it. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat, but took no active interest in public affairs. He died May 19, 1839, and his wife twelve or fifteen years later, leaving numerous descendants.

AARON RUMSEY, oldest son of Noah Rumsey, Sr., was born in Hubbardton, Vermont, April 7, 1803, and was four years old when his parents settled in Sullivan township, Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood, assisting his parents in clearing the farm and enduring the hardships of pioneer life. On April 27, 1837, he married Orilla Fairchild, a native of Connecticut, born August 15, 1815, to which union were born the following children: Adelaide, deceased wife of Lewis B. Lucas; Jesse, of Sullivan township; Adalena, wife of Capt. Homer J. Ripley; Adaline M., who lives with her mother on the old homestead; Ameda S., wife of Volney Ripley; Martha M., deceased; Emery J. and Daniel F., both residents of Sullivan; Julia Ann, wife of Roswell P. Ripley, and Fremont, deceased. Mr. Rumsey was prominent in the early militia, in which he held the rank of major. He was a stanch Republican, in politics, and filled several local offices. During his early manhood he followed lumbering as an occupation, and was one of the prosperous farmers and leading citizens of his township. He died July 11, 1886.

EMERY J. RUMSEY was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, July 14, 1852, and is the second youngest son of Aaron Rumsey, and grandson of Noah Rumsey, Sr. After completing a common school course, he spent two terms in the State Normal School at Mansfield. He then engaged in clerking in the only general store in Mainesburg at that time, which he followed one year, and then removed to the farm upon which he has since lived, located three miles east of Mainesburg. On December 17, 1879, he married Ella Reynolds, a daughter of Thomas Reynolds, of Sullivan township. Both he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mainesburg, and he is connected with Mainesburg Grange. Mr. Rumsey is an unswerving Republican, and firmly believes in the principles of that party, especially the doctrine of high protection for American industries.

NOAH RUMSEY, JR., was born in Hubbardton, Vermont, August 4, 1805, and was but two years old when his parents settled in Sullivan township, Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood assisting his parents in the home duties and undergoing the trials and hardships incident to pioneer days. On February 20, 1834, he married Sally A. Gitchell, of Sullivan township, who became the mother of twelve children, viz: Mrs. Mary Miller, Charles M., Mrs. Olivia Jones, deceased; Joseph B., and David N., the last deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Lovell, Aaron L., Mrs. Rosina D.

Bardwell, Elmina, deceased; Eli G. and two that died in infancy. Like his father, he was a stanch Democrat, and both he and wife were members of Cherry Flats Baptist church. Mr. Rumsey died November 24, 1859, and his wife, March 21, 1887, aged seventy-four years.

CHARLES M. RUMSEY, eldest son of Noah Rumsey, Jr., was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, July 30, 1837, and was reared upon the homestead farm. On November 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry. At Lebanon, Virginia, May 5, 1862, his horse was shot from under him, and in falling broke several of his ribs. He was so severely injured that he was confined to the hospital three months, and never fully recovered. During his confinement in the hospital, he was taken prisoner, but was paroled the following day. Upon leaving the hospital he was on detached duty, as clerk to the division commissary, and was finally discharged from the service November 1, 1864. Returning to his home in Sullivan township, he resumed farming, which occupation he has followed up to the present. Mr. Rumsey was married March 27, 1866, to Matilda A. Gifford, a daughter of William Gifford, of Richmond township. Three children were born to this union, one of whom died in infancy, the others being as follows: Clark, born January 9, 1871, married Daisy Levalley, of Covington, November 16, 1892, and had one child, Matilda, and died February 18, 1894; and Ralph, born February 9, 1873, who died March 4, 1874. Mrs. Rumsey died May 30, 1884, and he was again married February 17, 1886, to Angeline Ely, a daughter of Frederick and Sally Ely, of Charleston township. Mr. Rumsey is an ardent Democrat, and served as county commissioner one term. He also filled the offices of supervisor, constable and collector of his township. He and family are members of the Disciples church, of Mainesburg, and he is connected with Mansfield Post, No. 48, G. A. R., and Sullivan Grange, No. 84, P. of H.

JOHN MAINE was born in Scipio, New York, November 29, 1779, and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in early manhood, locating in Lawrence township. About 1825 he settled near the site of Mainesburg, which village was named in his honor. He was a miller by trade, and always followed that business or farming. On December 25, 1808, he married Nancy Spencer, a daughter of Uriah Spencer, to which union were born fourteen children, viz: Alexander, Horace S., Mrs. Celia Rose, Samuel, Harriet, Uriah E., a resident of Missouri; Mrs. Deborah Phelps, Andrew J., George D., Mrs. Fannie A. Green, Edwin R., Mrs. Sarah Richards, a resident of Nelson, Tioga county; Eleanor M. and Charles R. Of this large family only three are living, Uriah E., Edwin R. and Mrs. Sarah Richards. Mr. Maine was a Democrat in early manhood, subsequently joined the Free Soil party, and later entered the Republican ranks. Both he and wife were members of the Baptist church, and he was also connected with the Masonic order. Mr. Maine died December 17, 1857, and his wife, September 21, 1873.

GEORGE D. MAINE, physician and surgeon, sixth son of John and Nancy Maine, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, July 24, 1826. He attended the district schools in boyhood, was a student at the old Troy Academy, and afterwards entered the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1860. He commenced practice at Austinville, and one year later located in Mainesburg, Tioga county, where he continued in the active

duties of his profession for thirty-six years. When the call for troops came, Dr. Maine enlisted in the One Hundred and Ninety-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served as assistant surgeon of that regiment until mustered out, in August, 1865, when he resumed his practice at Mainesburg. Dr. Maine married Jane E. Gregory, of Elmira, New York, and reared two daughters, both married: Mrs. Kate M. Holcomb, and Mrs. Grace D. Cudworth. Mrs. Maine died in Philadelphia, January 2, 1896, where she had gone for the purpose of having an operation performed. In politics, Dr. Maine was a stanch Republican, and firm in the support of the principles and measures of that party. He also belonged to the I. O. O. F. for many years. But his principal attention was devoted to his professional duties, in which he was very successful. Through the passing years he won the confidence and esteem of the community, both as a physician and a citizen, and was recognized as a man of high honor and strict integrity. He died at his home in Mainesburg, May 19, 1897.

ALVIN B. AUSTIN was born in Chenango county, New York, in 1800, and followed the occupations of farmer and mason. In 1820 he came to Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, locating at what is now Mainesburg. On January 8, 1824, he married Sally D. Rumsey, a daughter of Noah Rumsey, Sr., a pioneer of Sullivan. Seven children were born to this marriage, viz: Mrs. Ameda Shelton, deceased; Aaron, who resides in Nevada; Luther, a resident of Bradford county; Leander R., deceased; Daniel B., who lives in California; Joseph B., deceased, and Jesse W., a resident of Mainesburg. Mr. Austin and family were adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, he was first a Whig and afterwards a Republican. Mrs. Austin died March 11, 1878, and her husband, December 21, 1881.

LEANDER R. AUSTIN was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, on the site of the Mainesburg church, June 28, 1831, and was the third son of Alvin B. and Sally D. Austin. With the exception of a short period that he clerked for his uncle, L. D. Rumsey, in a store, he followed agriculture until 1876, when he embarked in merchandising at Mainesburg, in partnership with Baldwin Parkhurst. In 1880 they dissolved partnership, and in 1882 he purchased H. E. Bartlett's dry goods and grocery store, which he sold to R. W. Rose in 1884. On June 26, 1884, he bought the drug store of Dr. I. N. Wright, and converting it into a grocery and hardware store, he formed a partnership with Capt. Homer J. Ripley. In 1886 he sold his interest to Captain Ripley, and in 1888 he entered the employ of the Keystone View Company as salesman, in which capacity he acted until 1890 when he became a partner in the business and so continued until his death, October 9, 1893. Mr. Austin was twice married. His first marriage occurred in 1857, to Rebecca Brown, of Covington, who died in 1876. On February 20, 1878, he married Mittie E., a daughter of P. P. Smith, of Sullivan township, who bore him one daughter, Ethel L., born February 10, 1892. L. Emory Austin, third son of Jesse W. Austin, became a member of the family of Leander R. and Mittie E. Austin April 10, 1880, and March 5, 1890, he married Miss Minnie Rumsey. They have one daughter, Leah Graice, born August 1, 1895. Mr. Austin was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mainesburg, and also of Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F.

JOSHUA SMITH came from Tompkins county, New York, to Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1824. Shortly before, he married Lydia Clark, of the first-named State and county, and they came to Sullivan township together and

commenced pioneer life in Tioga county. Seven children were born to them in this county, named as follows: Dennis, deceased; Philetus P., Ephraim C., Burinthia, who was scalded to death; Joshua, who was burned to death in a coal fire when an infant; Mrs. Olive Squires, and Mrs. Diantha Watkins. Mrs. Smith died in 1840, and he was again married in 1842, to Diadama Roblyer, who became the mother of one daughter, Lydia, since deceased. Mr. Smith was an ardent Republican, and both he and wife were members of Mainesburg Methodist Episcopal church. He died in 1859, and his wife, December 1, 1846.

PHILETUS P. SMITH was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, January 13, 1825, and is the eldest living child of Joshua and Lydia Smith. He obtained a good common school education, and subsequently taught for fifteen years in Sullivan township, during the winter seasons, with the exception of one term in Rutland. In the summer months he followed farming, and since giving up teaching he has made farming his occupation. He married Roxie E. Scouten, of Sullivan township, and is the father of eight children, viz: Mrs. Elizabeth Rumsey, Mrs. Frankie Leiby, Mrs. Mittie E. Austin, Mrs. Florrie E. Maynard, Mrs. Jennie Bartlett, Mrs. Vinie L. Smith, H. P., and one that died in early youth. Mr. Smith is an active Prohibitionist, has been a school director for twenty-four years, and has also filled the office of township auditor. He and family are members of Mainesburg Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been a class leader, steward and trustee for about twenty-five years. Some years ago he was a member of Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F. Mr. Smith is recognized as one of the intelligent and progressive farmers of his native township.

ARAD SMITH came from New York state to Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1824, bringing with him his young wife to share the hardships and trials of pioneer life. He was married in New York, in April, 1822, to Margery Ganoung, who became the mother of six children, as follows: Charles G., Mrs. Phoebe Palmer, Levi, deceased; Mrs. Sally Chandler, deceased; Albert, and Mrs. Louisa Nash, deceased. Mr. Smith settled in the midst of the primitive forest, erected a log cabin, and went to work bravely to make for himself and family a home, in which undertaking he was successful. In politics, he was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Elk Run. He did not believe in secret societies, consequently never became a member of any of them. Mr. Smith died in Mansfield, November 4, 1889, surviving his wife more than seven years, her death occurring January 1, 1882.

CHARLES G. SMITH, eldest child of Arad Smith, was born in New York state, May 4, 1823, and was in his second year when his parents settled in Sullivan township, Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood, inured to the hardships of pioneer days, and has made farming his life vocation. In September, 1843, he married Sallie Chandler, of Sullivan township, to which union were born four children, viz: Mrs. Margery Richmond, Byron C., Mrs. Julia Tanner, deceased, and Fred I., who is now studying for the ministry. Mrs. Smith died April 9, 1872, and he was again married October 8, 1873, to Emeline Brundage, who died April 7, 1879. Mr. Smith's third marriage occurred November 19, 1879, with Rosilla Perry, a daughter of Marvin Perry. Her father was a son of Jonathan Perry, and married Laura Gaylord, of Vermont, who bore him a family of six children. Marvin Perry died Feb-

ruary 25, 1862, aged sixty-one years, and his wife, October 17, 1873. Mr. Smith and wife are members of Elk Run Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, he is a Prohibitionist. He is also connected with East Sullivan Grange, No. 821, P. of H. Mr. Smith began his business life comparatively poor, but is to-day one of the prosperous citizens of the township.

JACOB HULSLANDER came from Tompkins county, New York, to Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, about 1831. He was married in Tompkins county, in May 1805, to Elizabeth Bell, who bore him a family of ten children, viz. John, Isaac, David, Peter, William, Ezekiel, Jacob, Mrs. Susan Sweet, Mrs. Eliza Stewart and Maria, all of whom are dead except William, who lives in Steuben county, New York. Mr. Hulslander was a soldier in the War of 1812, while his father served in the Revolution. In politics, he was a life-long Democrat, and in religious faith, a Presbyterian. He died upon his farm in Sullivan township, in May, 1849. His wife survived him until June, 1853.

PETER HULSLANDER, fourth son of Jacob Hulslander, was born in Orange county, New York, April 17, 1813, and came with his parents to Sullivan township, Tioga county, when about eighteen years of age. He was born and reared on a farm, and made farming his life vocation. On October 16, 1834, he married Amanda Soper, a daughter of Roger Soper, of Bradford county, Pennsylvania. Ten children were born to this union, as follows: Elijah, a resident of Bradford county; William, deceased; Mrs. Mary Benedict, of East Charleston; Mrs. Ellen Benedict, of Bradford county; Prof. George F., of Boston; C. B., of Sullivan township; Mrs. Melinda Furgerson, of Liberty township; Winfield S., who lives in Scranton; Mrs. Charlotte Robbins and Mrs. Emma Colgrove, of Detroit, Michigan. William, George F. and C. B. were soldiers in the Union army during the Rebellion. Mr. Hulslander was first a Whig and later a Republican. He died in March, 1891, his wife having preceded him, February 6, 1886.

C. B. HULSLANDER was born on the old homestead in Sullivan township, Tioga county, June 19, 1847, and is a son of Peter Hulslander. In August, 1864, when but seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company A, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served in the battles of Fort Steadman, Petersburg, and several other minor engagements. He was honorably discharged in June, 1865. Mr. Hulslander was married November 21, 1869, to Janette Ferguson, a daughter of Uriah Ferguson, of Bradford county. Nine children have been born to this marriage, viz: Fred and Eva, both deceased; Nellie, Thomas, Harry, Vera, Fannie, Burt and Morton. In politics, Mr. Hulslander is a Republican, and is a member of Roseville Post, No. 616, G. A. R.

JOSHUA SHAW was born in Abington, Massachusetts, in 1764, there grew to manhood and married Sarah Hawes, of the same place. In 1810 he came on foot to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in company with Noah Nash, and purchased 106 acres of land from Elijah Clark, located in Tioga valley, between Lamb's Creek and Mansfield. Returning to his native State, he brought his family to his new home in Tioga county in 1811, and began the life of a pioneer. He was a carpenter, but followed farming the greater portion of his life. To Joshua and Sarah Shaw, were born seven children, viz: Mrs. Rhoda Burley, subsequently Barnes; Mrs. Sallie Ripley, Vardis, Mrs. Polly Cleveland, Rodney C., Deborah and Daniel M., all of whom are dead. The family

were adherents of the Baptist church, and Mr. Shaw was one of the organizers of that society in Sullivan township, the first services being held at the house of Peleg Doud, eight miles distant, whither they traveled through the forest on horseback. In politics, Mr. Shaw was an enthusiastic Whig. He died May 24, 1842, aged seventy-eight years. His wife survived him eight years, dying May 13, 1850, in the eighty-third year of her age.

DANIEL M. SHAW was born in Massachusetts, in 1808, and came with his parents to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, when about three years old. He grew to manhood upon the homestead farm, assisting his parents in the home duties, and attending at intervals the pioneer schools of the neighborhood. On January 22, 1835, he married Jane Seaman, a daughter of Gardner and Mercy Seaman, of Bradford county. She was born in that county December 8, 1811, and became the mother of eleven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were named as follows: Charles Milton, Byron M., who enlisted in 1861, in Company B, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died in the rebel prison at Florence, South Carolina, in 1865; Claudia and Flavius J., both deceased; Freeman, a resident of Sullivan township; S. G., who lives in Bradford county; Martha A., widow of R. H. Brodrick, and mother of two children, C. Ray and Robert M.; Mary, deceased; Mrs. Sarah M. Hagar, of Richmond township, and Mortimer, deceased. After Mr. Shaw's marriage, he purchased ninety acres of land in Sullivan township, to which he subsequently added until he owned 235 acres of as fine land as lays in Sullivan township. He was originally a Whig, but cast his fortunes with the Republican party in 1856, and remained so until his death. He served for many years as a school director, and was one of the useful citizens of the community. He was a member of the Universalist church, of Mansfield, and also of the Good Templars' society, of Mainesburg. He died April 30, 1884. His widow resides upon the old homestead, now the property of her son, Freeman, and Mrs. Martha A. Brodrick, and at the ripe old age of eighty-five years, confidently awaits the call to eternal life.

FREEMAN SHAW was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, November 28, 1843, and is a son of Daniel M. and Jane Shaw. After completing a common school course, he settled down to work upon his father's farm, and has since devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He makes a specialty of dairying, and is one of the most successful and substantial citizens of the township. In politics, he is an active worker in the Republican party, but refuses to accept or hold office of any kind. He is a member of Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F.; also of Mainesburg Grange, No. 84, P. of H., and is one of the enterprising farmers of his native township.

CHARLES MILTON SHAW, eldest son of Daniel M. and Jane Shaw, was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, July 24, 1836, and was reared to manhood upon his father's farm. In 1855 he started on a trip west, by way of the Great Lakes, and located in Marquette county, Wisconsin. He remained in that section of the country three years, and then returned home, via the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Pittsburg, and thence overland. He settled down to farming, which occupation he has since followed. He now makes a specialty of dairying, having at all times from fifteen to twenty head of cattle on his farm. On December 29, 1859, Mr. Shaw married Melissa R. Mabie, a daughter of Levi Mabie, of Sullivan township. Her father was

a captain in the Seventieth New York regiment in the War of 1812. Eight children were born to this union, viz: Nettie R., born April 23, 1861, who married S. A. Smith, of Middlebury, November 22, 1882, and has two children, Maude E. and Ralph M.; Bertha A., born April 10, 1863, who married Fred Bryan, January 1, 1884, and has one child, Ross E.; Charles M., born February 22, 1866, who married Ada Dewey, June 8, 1887, and has one child, Mabel; Elmer M., born May 14, 1870, who married Florence Tiers, June 17, 1891, and has two children, Archie N. and Oscar; Archie E., born November 15, 1872, and died January 15, 1881; Nellie E., born July 11, 1876, and died January 5, 1881; Leon G., born November 7, 1880, and Homer R., October 28, 1883. Mr. Shaw and family attend the Universalist church, and in politics, he is a stanch Republican. He is a charter member and one of the oldest living Past Grands of Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F., and is Worthy Master of Sullivan Grange, No. 84, P. of H., to which Mrs. Shaw also belongs.

NORTHROP SMITH was born in Fairfield county, Connecticut, May 4, 1819, and was a son of Rufus and Eunice (Wilson) Smith, early settlers of Sullivan township, Tioga county. The Smith genealogy runs as follows: John Smith came from England and settled in Ridgefield, Connecticut. His sons were Ebenezer, Samuel and Thomas. The children of the last mentioned were Jonah, Hannah, Jabesh, Gideon, Isaac, Thomas and David. Deacon Thomas Smith, son of Thomas, was the father of Gideon Smith, who married Sarah Benedict, and died February 7, 1799. Their son Elijah, born December 29, 1735, married Elizabeth Benedict, and reared seven children, viz: Elizabeth, Elijah, Elnathan, Timothy, Isaiah, Phoebe and Matthew. The last was born October 20, 1775, and married Abigail Benedict, who became the mother of seven children, viz: Samuel B., Rufus, Polly, Phoebe A., Northrop, Timothy and Nancy. Rufus was born May 10, 1799, married Eunice Wilson, and reared the following children: Northrop, Sarah, Abigail, Thomas, Amanda, Solomon, Elizabeth, Nancy, Mary A., Timothy, Matthew and Rube. Rufus was for many years a justice of the peace in Sullivan township, Tioga county. Northrop Smith came to this county with his parents and became a prosperous farmer and merchant. He was twice married. His first wife was Hannah J. Roblyer. His second wife was Sally A. Roblyer, a daughter of Hiram Roblyer. She was born July 29, 1822, in Warwick, New York, and is the mother of nine children, viz: Lorena and Diadama, both deceased; Mary E., Clarence A., Augusta, deceased; R. Bell, Joseph N., Augustus B. and Mark S. Of these, Mary E., R. Bell, Joseph N. and Augustus B. are physicians. In religion, Mr. Smith was a Methodist, and in politics, a Republican. He served several terms as justice of the peace, and died on the old homestead in Sullivan township.

CLARENCE A. SMITH, eldest son of Northrop Smith, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, December 7, 1852, and there obtained a common school education. He followed farming in Sullivan until 1880, when he engaged in the manufacture of lumber, at Elk Run, Tioga county, in which business he still continues. He is a mechanic and also a millwright by occupation. Mr. Smith was married November 28, 1875, to Edith Smith, a daughter of A. G. Smith, and has six children, viz: Louis N., Fred, Dana, Atchsee Marie, Helena and Joseph. In politics, Mr. Smith is a Republican, has filled a number of local offices, and takes an active part

in public affairs. He and family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church at Elk Run.

JOSEPH R. BRADFORD came from Bristol, Rhode Island, to Smithfield, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and three years later removed to Columbia, Bradford county, where he remained until 1830, when he settled in Rutland township, Tioga county. Subsequently returning to Columbia, he lived there until 1836, when he located in Sullivan township. He passed the remaining years of his life upon his farm in that township, dying in June, 1867. In May, 1822, Mr. Bradford married Mary Monroe, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, who bore him four children, viz: Levi D., deceased; Mrs. Mary A. Smith, Daniel, a resident of Bradford county, and Leonard J., a physician of Sullivan township. Mrs. Bradford died in February, 1842, and her husband remarried April 16, 1844, to Mary Merrill, of Bradford county, who became the mother of two children: Mrs. Harriet E. Ashley, deceased, and William H., who lives at Wayne, Nebraska. The mother died in June, 1855, and Mr. Bradford subsequently married Harriet Gaylord, of Covington, Tioga county, who is now a resident of Wellsboro. In politics, he was first a Whig and later a Republican. In religion, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

LEONARD J. BRADFORD, physician and surgeon, was born in Rutland township, Tioga county, October 12, 1833. After obtaining a common school education, he attended Troy Academy, and later entered Hahnemann Medical Institute, of Philadelphia. In November, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was detailed to service in the Hospital Corps, because of his knowledge of medicine. He was discharged in June, 1863, and then entered Penn Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1865. The same year he located in practice at Austinville, remaining there two years, and came to Sullivan township, Tioga county, in 1867, where he has since been engaged in the active duties of his profession. On September 1, 1875, Dr. Bradford married Alice I. Dartt, of East Charleston, Tioga county, and has five children, named as follows: Bayard G., Carl M., Leonard J., Joseph D. and Chauncey, all of whom are living. In politics, the Doctor is an unswerving Republican, and has served as school director several terms. He is a member of Trojan Lodge, No. 306, F. & A. M., of Troy, also of the I. O. O. F., and both he and family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, of Elk Run. Dr. Bradford enjoys quite a lucrative practice, to which he devotes his principal attention, but is also the owner of one of the finest dairy farms in the county.

MARCUS STRANGE was born in Freetown, Massachusetts, December 24, 1798, and was a son of Capt. Charles Strange. His grandfather, John Strange, Jr., was a son of John Strange, Sr., a grandson of Lot Strange, and a great-grandson of James Strange, who came from Wales to Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1694, and the following year married Alice Sherman, of that place. Marcus was reared in his native county, and in 1828 married Hannah Burt, of Berkeley, Massachusetts, who bore him nine children, as follows: Esther, deceased; Mrs. Joanna Adams, deceased; Marcus, a resident of Bradford county; Charles, deceased; Ezekiel, of Bradford county; Mrs. Hannah Richmond, of Mansfield; Joseph, of Sullivan township; Mrs. Julia Rockwell, of Burlington, and Mrs. Ellen Burley, who resides in Bradford county. In 1838 Mr. Strange and family located in Sullivan township, Tioga county,

Pennsylvania, where he purchased the farm now owned by his son Joseph. Here he spent the remaining years of his life, dying May 20, 1852. His widow survived him until November 27, 1889. Mr. Strange was a Democrat in politics, and in religion, a member of the Baptist church.

JOSEPH STRANGE was born on the homestead farm in Sullivan township, Tioga county, January 3, 1841, and is the fourth son of Marcus Strange. He attended the public schools of his district during his boyhood years, and then settled down to farming, which business he has followed up to the present. He makes a specialty of dairying, and keeps about twenty-five head of cows. He owns a fine farm in Gray's valley, and takes great pride in keeping it in the highest state of cultivation. In politics, Mr. Strange is a Democrat, and is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of his township.

CHARLES STRANGE, second son of Marcus and Hannah Strange, was born in Free-town, Massachusetts, March 9, 1835, and was about three years old when his parents came to Tioga county. He grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Sullivan township, attending the district schools until he was sixteen years of age, after which he devoted his whole attention to farm work, which became his life vocation. Mr. Strange was married to Marietta Cooley, a daughter of Norman Cooley, of Springfield, Bradford county, November 24, 1864. Seven children were the fruits of this union, named as follows: Nellie D., born December 13, 1865, and died February 13, 1882; Mary E., born June 20, 1869, who married M. F. Rose, of Mansfield, August 6, 1889; Joseph N., born February 18, 1871, who married Jane Rose, October 17, 1893; Charles H., born July 13, 1873; John C., May 28, 1875; Laura E., October 28, 1881, and Julia H., October 12, 1883. Mr. Strange was a member of the State Road Baptist church, and also a Worthy Past Master of Sullivan Grange, P. of H. In politics, a staunch Republican, he served as justice of the peace for ten years, and held several other minor offices. He died February 11, 1892. His widow is living on the old homestead in Sullivan township.

CHARLES H. STRANGE, second son of Charles Strange, was born July 13, 1873, on the homestead farm in Sullivan township. After completing a common school education in his native township, he attended the State Normal School at Mansfield, and later the Elmira Business College, since which time he has devoted his attention to farming. He is an enthusiastic Republican; a member of the State Road Baptist church, and is connected with Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F.

BATEMAN MONROE was born in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, March 2, 1815, and from the age of thirteen until he was twenty-five, followed the occupation of market gardener in Newport, Rhode Island. When twenty-five years old he left Rhode Island and came to Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled upon his present farm in 1840. At that time the land was covered with forest, but to-day it is one of the finest farms in Sullivan township, made so through the energy and untiring industry of Mr. Monroe. He has been married four times. In December, 1836, he married Hannah Dyer, of Newport, Rhode Island, who lived but ten months, dying in October, 1837. In December, 1838, he married Jane Lay, of Columbia county, New York, who became the mother of one daughter, now Mrs. Charlotte J. Besley, of Bradford county. Mrs. Monroe died March 18, 1863, and July 30th following, he married Susan Besley, of Troy, Bradford county, who survived until

October 26, 1885. Mr. Monroe was again married September 20, 1886, to Eliza Ayers, a daughter of Abijah Ayers, of Mansfield, Tioga county. She died July 3, 1896. In politics, Mr. Monroe was a Democrat until 1856, when he became a Republican, since which time he has been an active supporter of that party. He has served about thirty years as a school director, and twenty years as supervisor. He is now the only living charter member of Troy Protestant Episcopal church, and has been junior warden of that body many years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is Worthy Past Master of East Sullivan Grange, No. 821, P. of H., and was a charter member of Grange No. 84, of Sullivan township. During the Rebellion he was very active and prominent in raising money for the boys in blue, and did all in his power to assist the government throughout those dark days of civil strife. Mr. Monroe is one of the oldest citizens of Sullivan township, and boasts of the fact that he owes no man a dollar. He is recognized as a man of strict honesty and integrity, and is highly respected by the people of his adopted home.

CHARLES SMITH came from Tompkins county, New York, about 1840, and settled near Mainesburg, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, purchasing a farm, upon which he lived until his death, in October, 1885, aged eighty-six years. On September 10, 1822, he married Elizabeth Thomas, of Tompkins county, New York, to which union were born ten children, five of whom are living, viz: Thomas and Isaac, both deceased; Jackson, Charles, deceased; George, Mrs. Mary Rumsey, Jonathan, William, Jason and James, the last two deceased. The mother died in November, 1876, aged sixty-seven years. Mr. Smith was a Democrat until 1856, when he supported Fremont for the presidency, and ever after was an earnest Republican. He held various offices in the township at different periods, and both he and family were adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church.

GEORGE SMITH, fifth son of Charles and Elizabeth Smith, was born in Jackson, New York, December 29, 1832, and was in his eighth year when his parents located in Sullivan township, Tioga county. He attended the district schools of his township for about two months in each year until he was fourteen years old, when he went to work on the farm. He was married March 1, 1852, to Mary Tiers, a daughter of Zopher Tiers, of Sullivan township, and has four daughters, viz: Josephine, wife of C. H. DeWitt; Martha, wife of J. H. DeWitt; Mrs. Lydia Case, of Troy, Bradford county, and Mrs. Ida Squires. In politics, Mr. Smith is a Democrat, and the family attend the Mainesburg Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Worthy Past Master, of East Sullivan Grange, No. 821, P. of H., and is a striking example of what industry and energy can accomplish when properly directed. Commencing life a poor boy, he is to-day the owner of four well-improved farms, and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the township.

CALEB H. DEWITT was born in New Jersey, in 1820, obtained but a limited education, and was put to work on the farm in early boyhood. After attaining manhood, he met and married Mary Alberts, a daughter of Peter Alberts, of Monroe county, to which union were born five sons, viz: Joseph H., W. F., John W., Calvin H., and Horace C., deceased. The family came from Monroe county to Bradford county, staying there about one year, and then removed to Sullivan township, Tioga county, in 1859, where the parents resided until death, the father dying in October, 1880, and the mother May 31, 1894. They were members of Mainesburg

Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. DeWitt was a Democrat, but always voted for the man he thought best fitted for the office.

CALVIN H. DEWITT, fourth son of Caleb H. DeWitt, was born in Monroe county, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1853, and was in his sixth year when his parents located in Sullivan township, Tioga county. He attended the common schools, and continued to work upon the homestead farm until 1873, in which year he entered a store at Troy, Bradford county, where he remained about eighteen months. He then returned to the farm, and followed farming until 1890, when he was elected county commissioner, in which office he served three years. During his term the jail, court house and poor farm buildings were remodeled and fitted up with modern conveniences. On November 20, 1873, Mr. DeWitt married Josephine Smith, a daughter of George Smith, of Sullivan township, who has borne him six children, viz: Fannie, George, Charles, Jennie, Ethel and Josie. The family are adherents of Mainesburg Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, Mr. DeWitt is a Democrat, and is also a member of the K. of P., of Wellsboro. He is one of the enterprising citizens of the county, and is held in high esteem by his friends and neighbors.

JAMES LAY, youngest son of Edward Lay, was born at Sylvania, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1837. He obtained a meagre education, and became an apprentice in the tinning establishment of Tabor, Young & Company, at Tioga, Tioga county, in 1854. After serving a full term, he began working as a journeyman, which he followed a short time. On August 23, 1857, he married Hannah Ruggles, of Sullivan township, Tioga county, and located at what is now known as Gray's Valley. Three children have been born to this union, all of whom are living, viz: Orrin E., George L. and William G. Mr. Lay is a staunch Republican, and has served as treasurer of his township for a number of years. He and family are members of the Free Will Baptist church, to which he is a liberal contributor. He is a Past Grand in Sylvan Lodge, No. 926, I. O. O. F., of Sylvania; is Worthy Past Master of East Sullivan Grange, No. 821, and is also a member of the E. A. U. of Sylvania.

ORRIN E. LAY, eldest son of James Lay, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, September 25, 1858, and was reared upon the homestead farm. After completing a common school education, he engaged in farming, which business he has followed up to the present. On November 2, 1887, he married Emma C. Squires, a daughter of Lafayette Squires, of Sullivan township, and has three children: Sarah E., Mary H. and Esther L. Mr. Lay is an ardent Republican, and is also a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 926, I. O. O. F., of Sylvania, and of East Sullivan Grange, No. 821, Patrons of Husbandry. Though one of the younger farmers of the township, Mr. Lay stands high among his neighbors as a man of energy and public spirit.

GEORGE E. STAUFFER was born in Frederick county, Virginia, July 30, 1834, and when he was about six months old his parents moved to Frederick county, Maryland. There he resided until the fall of 1854, when he went to Waynesborough, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and two years later located in Troy, Bradford county, where he was employed in a hotel some three years. On June 1, 1859, he moved to Sullivan township, Tioga county, where he was married February 7, 1863, to Alice M. Dewey, a daughter of Sanford and Lorena Dewey. Mrs. Stauffer was

born April 19, 1848, and became the mother of five children, as follows: Hamilton S., Mack E., Maggie L., born December 12, 1873, married Merton G. Rorabaugh, fireman on the Fall Brook railroad, who died December 12, 1893, and his widow resides in Mainesburg, engaged in the millinery business; John G. and Grace J., twins, born December 1, 1876, the former a farmer living in Mainesburg, and the latter deceased. Mr. Stauffer moved to Mainesburg April 1, 1864, in which place he carried on blacksmithing until a short time before his death. During the first year of the war he served in Company C, Second Maryland Cavalry, as blacksmith, and afterwards with Falkner's brigade. He was captured at Frederick City, Maryland, in June, 1862, but was paroled in September and returned home. Mr. Stauffer was a member of the Disciples church of Mainesburg. In September, 1857, he joined Madison Lodge, No. 466, I. O. O. F., of Pottstown; was one of the charter members of Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, of the same society, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest living Past Grands of said lodge. In politics, he was a Democrat up to a recent date, but, during later years, he acted with the Prohibition party. He served in the school board and council for many years.

HAMILTON S. STAUFFER, eldest son of George E. and Alice M. Stauffer, was born in Mainesburg, Tioga county, September 11, 1868. He attended the common schools in boyhood, and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. For a time he was a brakeman on the Fall Brook railroad, but not liking that calling he returned to his trade and worked with his father and brother, Mack E., in Mainesburg. Though formerly a Democrat, he is now a Prohibitionist. He has been a member of the Democratic central committee, and has served as inspector of election four years. Mr. Stauffer is a member of the Disciples church; is a Past Grand in Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F., and is also a member of Illion Encampment, No. 235, of Sylvania. He has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and has always taken a deep interest in the I. O. O. F. society.

MACK E. STAUFFER, son of George E. and Alice M. Stauffer, was born in Mainesburg, Tioga county, March 11, 1871, and was educated in the common schools. In the fall of 1890 he went to Ellsworth county, Kansas, and worked on a cattle ranch. In the winter of 1893 he returned to Mainesburg, entered his father's shop and learned the blacksmith's trade, which he still follows. On February 3, 1892, he was married in Kansas, to Laura M. Kuntz. They have one child, Gordon E.

JAMES LUCAS came from Bradford county, Pennsylvania, to Richmond township, Tioga county, in 1856, and settled on the farm where he passed the remaining years of his life. In 1821 he married Phoebe Bishop, of Tompkins county, New York, who bore him nine children, as follows: Uriah, Mrs. Millicent Daney, Mrs. Jane Greno, James, Mrs. Nancy Grandy, Furman, L. B., Mrs. Susan Clark, and Theodosia Strong. Mrs. Grandy, Furman and L. B. are the only survivors. Mr. Lucas was a carpenter, and in pursuit of that calling and in farming he secured a competence. Originally a Democrat, he became a Republican prior to the war, and voted that ticket until his death. He was a member of the Masonic order, affiliating with the lodge at Troy. Mr. Lucas died August 14, 1859, and his wife, February 15, 1876.

L. B. LUCAS, son of James and Phoebe Lucas, was born in Wells township, Bradford county, May 1, 1837. When seventeen years of age he went to learn the blacksmith's trade with Van Loon, of Mainesburg, Pennsylvania. In 1858 he located at Daggett Hollow, where he remained over two years, and then returned to the old homestead, following agriculture in summer and his trade in winter. In 1885 he started a shop in Mainesburg, where he has since devoted his entire attention to his trade. In March, 1861, he married Adelaide Rumsey, of Sullivan township, to which union were born five children, viz: Carrie and Malcolm, both deceased; Mrs. Minnie Reynolds, H. G. and J. C. The mother died September 5, 1870. Mr. Lucas was again married October 22, 1871, to Lois Tice, of Tioga county, who has borne him three children, viz: Eva Clark, L. D. and Henry. In politics, Mr. Lucas is a Prohibitionist, and has served in the council of Mainesburg, and also as school director. He is a Past Grand of Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F., and is also connected with Sylvania Encampment. Both he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mainesburg.

REV. JAMES A. JAMES was born at Swansea, Wales, April 25, 1860, and is a son of James James. His parents died in Wales, and he has two sisters and one brother who reside there. In his boyhood he attended the public school and Amminford Academy, and later entered Arnold College, at Swansea, from which institution he graduated in the spring of 1884. He then attended Haverford West Baptist Seminary, graduating in the spring of 1888, and was shortly afterwards ordained pastor of Pisgah church, at which place he remained until the fall of 1889, when he resigned this charge and made a tour of the principal cities of England. In the spring of 1890 he crossed the Atlantic to Philadelphia, arriving in that city about the middle of May. In 1891 he took charge of the Baptist church at Jermyn, Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, remaining there until the fall of 1893, when he resigned to accept a call from the State Road Baptist church, in Sullivan township, Tioga county, of which society he has since been pastor. The church has prospered greatly under his administration, adding sixty-nine converts to its membership, and now numbers 164 members. Mr. James is a member of Mainesburg Lodge, No. 754, I. O. O. F., and in politics, he is an unswerving Republican.

JOHN A. KNIPPLE, physician and surgeon, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1840, there attended the public schools in boyhood, and later entered the Parish Medical College, of Philadelphia, graduating from that institution in 1860. He practiced in Altoona and vicinity until January, 1893, when he located in Mainesburg, Tioga county, where he continued his professional duties until his removal to Bellwood, Blair county, in the spring of 1897. On September 6, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was discharged because of disability, in February, 1863. He re-enlisted February 23, 1864, in Battery L, Third Heavy Artillery, and received his final discharge November 9, 1865. He participated in the following battles: Bath, Blue Gap, Romney, Harper's Ferry, Cumberland Mountains, Winchester, Fredericksburg, Port Royal, Cross Keys, Mechanicsville, Peach Orchard, Cedar Mountain, Haymarket, Second Bull Run and Fairfax Court House. On December 25, 1860, he married Martha Benton, a daughter of Jonathan Benton, of Bedford county, to which union were born seven children, viz: Jacob, Catherine, deceased; Grant,

William, Frederick, Harvey E., deceased, and Julianetta. He married for his second wife Nancy J. Wertz, a daughter of William Wertz, of Loop, Blair county, to which union were born four children, viz: James Garfield, Ella R., deceased; Grace and David. Mrs. Knipple died April 18, 1890. Dr. Knipple belongs to the Mennonite church, and he is an ardent Prohibitionist, giving that party his support at all times. He is a member of Mansfield Post, No. 48, G. A. R.

RUTLAND TOWNSHIP.

JESSE SMITH was one of the first settlers of Rutland township, Tioga county, coming from Delaware county, New York, in the year 1808. He was compelled to cut his way through the unbroken forest for several miles, as there were few settlers in this section of Tioga county at that early day. He brought with him his young wife, Annes, daughter of William Werden, of Delaware county, New York, and together they shared the trials and hardships of a pioneer life. They were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom are now living, viz: Morris, Mrs. Margaret Ashley, who resides in Minnesota; John, Tristram, William, George W., a resident of Missouri, and Warren. The deceased are Isaac, Mrs. Dolly Ann Wood, Leviza, Silas and Jesse. Mr. Smith and wife were consistent members of Rutland Hill Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a class leader and trustee for forty-five years. The first Methodist services in Tioga county were held in the double-log house of Jesse Smith in the year 1813. The preacher came from Springfield, Bradford county, and afterwards held services at Lamb's Creek and Wellsboro, making a circuit of the three charges. In early manhood Mr. Smith was an ardent Democrat, later changed to a Whig, and when the Republican party was formed he cast his fortunes with that organization. Mr. Smith died May 25, 1871, aged eighty-six years, nine months and fifteen days. His wife died January 25, 1874, aged eighty-five years, two months and nine days.

MORRIS SMITH, second son and eldest living child of Jesse and Annes Smith, was born in Rutland township, Tioga county, April 12, 1809, and is the oldest living inhabitant born within the confines of the township. He has always followed agriculture, with the exception of a short period that he was engaged with his brother John in the carpenter's business. On February 3, 1832, Mr. Smith married Matilda Gaylord, a daughter of Elijah Gaylord, to which union were born two children, viz: Erastus, deceased, and Sanford, who has charge of his father's farm. Mrs. Smith died June 16, 1872, and he was again married, December 10, 1872, to Emeline Black, a daughter of John Black, of Steuben county, New York. He and wife are adherents of Rutland Hill Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Smith has been a trustee for about forty years. In early manhood he was a Democrat, but became a Whig with his father, and is at present a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party. At different times he has refused to accept offices tendered him, believing he could serve his party better as a private citizen.

WILLIAM SMITH, fifth son of Jesse Smith, was born in Rutland township, Tioga county, October 3, 1818, grew to manhood in his native township, and has always followed farming. On August 20, 1843, he married Dorothy Allen, to which union were born four children, named as follows: Mrs. Alzima Wood, Mrs. Susan Wilson, Jesse and Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler. Mrs. Smith died about 1855, and on March 1,

1859, he married Eliza A. Loomis, a daughter of John Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of Rutland Hill Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Jacksonian Democrat, an ardent supporter of the principles of his party, and is one of the progressive citizens of his native township.

REYNOLDS SIXBEE was born in Jefferson, Wisconsin, in the year 1819, and about 1840 came east and settled in Bradford county, Pennsylvania. He found employment with Major Daggett, whose daughter, Hannah, he married in 1841, and with his wife came on a sled into Rutland township, Tioga county, settling in the midst of an unbroken forest. He erected a cabin and began clearing the place now known as the Sixbee farm. In those days game was very abundant, and it was a common thing for him to go out and shoot a deer or two before breakfast. He had for playmates for his children five tame deer, two old ones and three fawns, and he very frequently used these deer for the purpose of trapping wild ones. In later years Mr. Sixbee worked at blacksmithing and lumbering in connection with his farm duties. Of his seven children, two died in infancy, and five are living, viz: Mrs. Emma Horton, of South Creek, New York; Mrs. Sadie Horton, of Mansfield; Mrs. Della Lebaron; Floyd, and Mrs. Belle McConnell, of Rutland township. Mrs. Sixbee died February 11, 1893, and her husband, October 2, 1895. In religion, he was a Methodist, and in politics, an earnest Republican. He was one of the substantial citizens of Rutland township, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his neighbors.

ULYSSES CHAMBERLAIN was born in Vermont, came to Tioga county in the year 1850, and purchased the farm on which his widow now resides, in Rutland township. He was for a short time engaged in lumbering in Cameron county, but the greater part of his life was passed upon his farm. In 1852 he married Charlotte Benson, a daughter of John Benson. Ten children were born to this union, nine of whom are living, viz: George, Thomas, John, Edward, David, Floyd, Charles, Nathan and Frederick. Mr. Chamberlain was a Jacksonian Democrat, and a staunch supporter of Democratic principles. Though not a member of any church, he was a diligent student of the Bible to the day of his death.

FLOYD CHAMBERLAIN, sixth son of Ulysses Chamberlain, was born in Rutland township, Tioga county, March 22, 1862. He attended the common schools in boyhood, and later took charge of the homestead, which is now one of the finest farms in Rutland township. Like his father, Mr. Chamberlain is a staunch Democrat, but has firmly refused to accept office, though frequently tendered him. He is one of the leading citizens of Rutland, and stands high in the community where his whole life has been passed.

LABEN L. ROCKWELL came from Bradford county, Pennsylvania, to Rutland township, Tioga county, in 1853, and bought a farm on what is known as Pumpkin Hill, where the remaining years of his life were spent. He was married in Bradford county, January 15, 1821, to Mary Elliott, who bore him three children, viz: Philander, Mrs. Clarinda Harkness and Mrs. Lavina Doud. Mrs. Rockwell died September 14, 1828, and he was again married July 16, 1829, to Betsey Newell, of Troy, Bradford county. Two children were the fruits of this union, viz: Mrs. Mary Webster, and Sarah, deceased. On September 18, 1833, the mother died, and Mr. Rockwell subsequently married Nancy Wilson, a daughter of George Wilson,

and sister of the late Judge S. F. Wilson, of Wellsboro. Five children were born to this marriage, viz: Catherine and Rebecca, both deceased; Aletta, wife of Lafayette Gray; Almira, deceased, and Lascelle, of Columbia, Bradford county. Mr. Rockwell died on his farm in Rutland township, December 24, 1854. His widow survived him until January 19, 1891. He was a stanch Republican, and the family were members of the Baptist church, in which faith he lived and died.

J. MACK SWEELY, son of David Sweely, was born in Susquehanna township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1852. He obtained a limited education in the common schools, and was reared on a farm. On February 25, 1873, he married Emma Knorr, a daughter of Dr. Knorr, of Clinton county. Ten children have been born to this union, named as follows: Leonard, Nellie, Maude, Theresa, Ellen, Rose, Mable, Elsie, J. Mack, and one that died in infancy. The family are adherents of the Baptist church at Roseville. Mr. Sweely is a member of Job's Corners Grange, No. 1110, Patrons of Husbandry, and is also the charter Sir Knight Commander of Rutland Tent, No. 87, K. O. T. M. Locating in Rutland township, Tioga county, in 1879, he has since been engaged in farming, and now makes a specialty of dairying, keeping at all times over forty head of cattle. In politics, Mr. Sweely is an ardent Republican, and takes a deep interest in the success of his party.

BENJAMIN A. HARRIS, son of Levi B. Harris, was born in LeRoy, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1852. He attended the common schools of his native place until 1866, when his parents removed to Warrensville, Pennsylvania. In 1868 he returned to LeRoy, where he learned the milling trade with his uncle, Amos Harris. In 1879 he came to Rutland township, Tioga county, and in 1890 purchased the farm on which he now resides. He makes a specialty of dairying, sheep raising and lumbering, and in the last four years he has manufactured and disposed of over 2,500,000 shingles. On November 11, 1879, Mr. Harris married Rosetta E. Colby, a daughter of James W. Colby, and has had one daughter, Nettie May, born December 17, 1880, and died January 27, 1884. Mr. Harris is an ardent Republican, in politics, and is a charter member of Rutland Tent, No. 87, K. O. T. M.

REV. JOHN C. CROWTHER was born in Dutchess county, New York, November 24, 1859, son of Joseph and Hannah Crowther. He received a common school education. When about seventeen years of age, he commenced evangelistic work, and continued in the same for about fifteen years, in and about New York. He took work in the Methodist Episcopal Conference, Elmira district, and was assigned to Millerton, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in which place he had gratifying success. He was next assigned to the circuit comprising the Methodist Episcopal churches at Roseville, Rutland Hill, and Lawrence Corners, all within the boundaries of Tioga county. During his pastorate the church at Roseville has nearly doubled its membership, gaining 140 converts in the past two years. Mr. Crowther has also erected a neat parsonage and barn at Roseville, and both spiritually and materially his charge is to-day in a flourishing condition. On August 2, 1882, he was married at Seymour, Connecticut, to Hattie E. Hickox, a daughter of Samuel Hickox, and a grand-daughter of Rev. Samuel Hickox, who preached the first sermon in the Methodist Episcopal church at Waterbury, Connecticut. Two children blessed this union, Fannie May, and Charles L., the latter deceased. After being

an invalid for eleven years, Mrs. Crowther died February 9, 1895. Mr. Crowther was again married February 11, 1896, to Lena Walters, a daughter of John Walters, of Mansfield.

HIRAM JOHNS was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1832. His father, Seely Johns, came from Massachusetts to Sullivan township, Tioga county, about 1826, and spent the remaining years of his life in this county. He had a family of nine children, as follows: Sanford, James and Hiram, both deceased; Sylvia, wife of W. A. Rockwell; William, Moses and Seely, all of whom are dead; John B., a resident of Missouri, and Charles, who lives in Mansfield, Tioga county. Hiram Johns married Theresa Morehouse, a daughter of T. W. and A. M. Morehouse, of Jersey City, New Jersey, to which union was born one son, Thomas W. During the war period, Mr. Johns was superintendent of schools of Tioga county. He later removed to Larned, Kansas, where he practiced law until his death.

THOMAS W. JOHNS was born in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1869, and is the only child of Hiram Johns. He obtained a good common school education, and afterwards attended Alfred University. He then went to Larned, Kansas, where he studied law with his father, and was admitted to the bar in April, 1893. For a short time he practiced at Hutchison, Kansas, and returned to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in July, 1893. In April, 1894, he removed to Rutland township, Tioga county, and has since resided on a farm. Mr. Johns is a strong Republican, and a man of enterprise and public spirit. He makes the growing of poultry and fruit a specialty, and devotes his attention to agricultural pursuits.

COLLINS W. SOPER was a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where his parents were among the early settlers. His mother, during a trip to Elmira on horseback, was pursued and driven into a deserted house by a pack of wolves, and kept there all one bitter cold night. Soon after daybreak the following morning help arrived and she was enabled to proceed on her journey, not much the worse of her adventure, except for being nearly frozen. This incident illustrates the trials and hardships of pioneer life. When quite young, Collins W. attended school at Southport, New York, intending to enter a profession, but before he had completed his studies he was called home by his father to take charge of the farm. Mr. Soper possessed a natural tact for acquiring and saving, was very successful, and divided among his sons over 500 acres of land. He married Didamia Harris, a native of Vermont, and reared five sons, viz: Elwyn, Walter, Ward B., Llewellyn and Morton. Mr. Soper was a staunch Democrat, filled several township offices at different periods, and served one term as county commissioner of Bradford county. He died December 22, 1893, aged seventy-six years. His wife survived him until September 25, 1895.

WARD B. SOPER was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, about 100 rods east of where he now lives, April 16, 1852, and is the third son of Collins W. Soper. He attended the district schools in boyhood, and later engaged in farming, working at the mason's and painter's trades at intervals. On December 1, 1880, he married Isadore Sharpe, a daughter of Lewis Sharpe, of Orange county, New York, and has two adopted children, Laura May and Clara Belle, daughters of John B. Clark.

Mr. Soper and wife attend the Baptist church of Roseville, and, like his father, he is an ardent Democrat. He has never held an office or belonged to any secret organization, and is one of the progressive farmers of the township.

CHAPTER LXV.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP AND BOROUGH—THE BLOSSBURG COAL REGION—LIBERTY AND UNION TOWNSHIPS—MORRIS TOWNSHIP.

AARON BLOSS, the founder of Blossburg, was a native of Killingby, Connecticut, born May 29, 1775. His father, Samuel Bloss, was a great-grandson of Edward Bloss, who came from England to America about 1630. Aaron came from Chenango county, New York, to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in July, 1801, and was one of the first settlers of Covington township. The following year he removed to "Peter's Camp," a station on the Williamson road, now the site of Blossburg, where he erected a house in which he conducted a hotel until 1820. In that year he built a larger hotel and continued the business up to 1835, when he returned to Covington, and died March 24, 1843. Mr. Bloss married Ruah Lownsbury, to whom were born nine children. Four of these grew to maturity, as follows: Everett W., Lloyd, Eliza and Caroline. Mrs. Bloss died April 17, 1839, aged sixty-seven years. Mr. Bloss was a man of strong common sense, great determination and courage, an expert woodsman and hunter, patient, shrewd and far-seeing. Such was the pioneer of Covington and Blossburg, the first man to settle in the unbroken wilderness then covering this section of the county.

EVERETT WINTER BLOSS was born in Whitestown, Oneida county, New York, September 20, 1800, eldest son of Aaron Bloss. He was reared at Blossburg, Tioga county, and in youth became an expert hunter. In early manhood he spent some time at the carpenter's trade, and also worked at shoemaking. In 1839 he removed from Blossburg to a farm on the river, a short distance above Covington, and five years later located on the present Bloss farm, where he purchased 120 acres of forest land, upon which he passed the remaining years of his life, engaged in clearing and improving the property. He died September 29, 1882, aged eighty-two years, at the home of J. D. Burr, in Blossburg. He married Lydia Walker, a daughter of Isaac Walker, who bore him five children, as follows: Julia E., wife of Joseph Husted, of Covington township; Josephine M., deceased wife of William Singerland; Randolph F., who died on the old homestead; Warren W., deceased, and Clara A., wife of John Everett, of Covington. Mrs. Bloss was born in New Hampshire, May 27, 1807, and died in Covington, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara A. Everett, September 16, 1887.

RANDOLPH F. BLOSS, eldest son of Everett Winter Bloss, and grandson of Aaron Bloss, was born in Blossburg, Tioga county, September 6, 1830, and was nine years old when his parents removed to Covington township. In 1855 he married Mary Feritor, a native of Ireland, who bore him two children, viz: Edie R., born August 8, 1861, who married J. D. Burr, of Blossburg, and died August 14, 1895, and Myrtle E., born April 5, 1867, who from early womanhood was a great sufferer from spinal disease, and died February 1, 1895. Both were earnest Christian women. Mr. Bloss was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, a Republican. He died on the homestead in Covington township, October 3, 1896, aged sixty-six years.

DAVID CLEMONS is acknowledged to have opened the first coal mine on Bear creek, at Blossburg, early in the present century, hauling an occasional load of coal overland to Painted Post. He was born on the banks of Lake Champlain, in Vermont, a son of Thomas Clemons, and received a good education. In early life he followed school teaching, and married a Miss Mallory, who died in Vermont in 1803, leaving three children, Camelia, Colburn and Alanson. In 1806 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and settled about three miles above the site of Covington borough, on the farm now owned by W. J. Richards. Soon after locating here he married Ruth Reynolds, also a native of Vermont, who became the mother of five children, viz: William, deceased; Susan, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Ames, in Covington township; Cuyler, deceased; Roxanna, widow of Horatio W. Ames, and James, a retired farmer of Covington township. Besides operating in coal to some extent, Mr. Clemons also cleared and improved a small farm, upon which he resided until his death, in 1833.

ALANSON CLEMONS, youngest child of David Clemons' first marriage, was born in Vermont, April 2, 1803, and was but three years old when his father located in the forest then covering Covington township. He remained with his father until twenty-three years of age, when he bought a farm west of the river, on the present Copp Hollow road, where he cleared and improved some 200 acres, being one of the successful farmers of the community. He married Luthania, a daughter of John Copp, who became the mother of ten children, as follows: Sally A., widow of Andrew J. Clark, of North Dakota; Lucy, deceased wife of G. M. Butler, of Covington township; Thomas, a resident of Blossburg; Holland, George and David, all farmers in Covington township; Orrin, who died in infancy; Laumon, a contractor of Blossburg, and Nelson N. and William S., farmers of Covington township. Mr. Clemons and wife were earnest workers in the Christian church. He died February 2, 1867, and his wife, October 17, 1880.

HOLLAND CLEMONS, second son of Alanson Clemons, and grandson of David Clemons, the pioneer, was born in Covington township, Tioga county, August 10, 1834, and is one of the prominent and successful farmers of his native township. He remained on the homestead farm until twenty-one years of age, and then bought fifty-six acres of his present place, to which he has since added, until he is now the owner of 122 acres of well-improved land. On April 17, 1858, he married Martha Walker, a daughter of Lewis Walker. She was born in the Frost settlement, June 27, 1830, and is the mother of two children, viz: Frank L., born February 14, 1862, who died March 29, 1891, leaving a widow, Mrs. Ida (Ely) Clemons; and Mary I.,

wife of W. H. Olney, of Mansfield, who has three children, Charles H., Frank L. and Dee H. Frank L. Clemons was educated at Wellsboro, graduating in the class of 1881, and was soon after appointed deputy sheriff. He served in that office eight months, after which he taught two terms in the home school, and then became principal of the Covington graded school. He subsequently became book-keeper and paymaster of the Cedar Run Tanning Company, at Leetonia, and two years later store manager. He had been promised the appointment of superintendent of the Leetonia plant, but death cut short his promising career. Mrs. Holland Clemons is a member of the Church of Christ. In politics, Mr. Clemons is a Republican, has filled the offices of treasurer, school director, assessor and supervisor in Covington township, and is also a member of the Grange.

ISAAC WALKER, a native of Shirley, Massachusetts, was born March 18, 1767, a son of Samuel and Mary (Stratton) Walker. His father was born in Massachusetts, August 30, 1721, and was a son of Seth and Eleanor (Chandler) Walker, a grandson of Joseph and Sarah (Wyman) Walker, and great-grandson of Samuel Walker, who came from England to America in 1630, with his father, Capt. Richard Walker, also a native of England, and the founder of this branch of the Walker family in America. Isaac was reared in his native place, and married Polly Porter, of Charleston, New Hampshire. They located at Langdon, New Hampshire, where eleven children were born to them, as follows: Royal, Isaac, Polly, Asahel, Stratton, Luther, Lewis, Roswell, Lydia, James and Cynthia. Of these Isaac, Asahel, Roswell and Cynthia removed from Covington to Illinois. In 1813 Isaac Walker and family came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and located on what is now the Charles Howland farm, in Covington borough. Here he passed the remaining years of his life, dying July 25, 1839. His wife died March 24, 1847, at the ripe age of seventy-eight years. They were among the first settlers of Covington, and their descendants are among the leading and respected people of the community which they helped to found.

ROYAL WALKER, eldest son of Isaac Walker, was born at Langdon, New Hampshire, January 14, 1796, and was seventeen years old when the family came to Tioga county. He married Rachel Johnson, of Bradford county, and resided on the farm settled by his father during the remainder of his life. To Royal and Rachel Walker were born eight children, all of whom are dead, viz: Samuel S., for forty-six years an engineer on the Erie railroad; Eliza, deceased wife of Charles Howland, of Covington; William, who died in Australia; James P., a conductor on the Erie railroad for many years; Henry E., a fireman on the same road, who was killed in a wreck; Elmina, Elvina and Zilphia. Mr. Walker died at Covington October 16, 1875, in which place his wife had died August 30, 1842.

STRATTON WALKER, fifth child of Isaac Walker, was born in Langdon, New Hampshire, July 14, 1801, and came with his parents to Tioga county in boyhood. He was reared in Covington, and subsequently purchased a tract of timber land adjoining the farm of his brother, Lewis, with whom he made his home while clearing and improving his property. He was a sufferer from curvature of the spine, and consequently never married. He spent his later life with his nephew, Lewis R. Walker, to whom he had rented his farm, and died February 14, 1880, in his seventy-ninth year.

LEWIS WALKER, seventh child of Isaac Walker, was born at Langdon, New Hampshire, December 15, 1803, came with his parents to Tioga county, and remained working on the home farm until he was twenty-three years old. He then bought 100 acres of timber land two miles east of Covington borough, and building thereon a rude cabin, he took up his residence on his purchase and began the work of clearing and improving it. Mr. Walker became a well-known and successful farmer, a good business man and a highly respected citizen. December 14, 1826, he married Isabel Butler, of Vermont, who shared with him the trials and hardships of pioneer life. They became the parents of ten children, named as follows: Elizabeth, deceased wife of Charles Jaquish; Emmeline, deceased wife of J. G. Noble; Martha, wife of Holland Clemons, of Covington township; Olive, wife of Charles Marvin, of Bradford county; Lewis R., of Covington township; Ellis, who died at the age of two years; Isaac D., who died at Nashville, Tennessee, July 27, 1864, while a soldier in the Union army; Mary J., wife of Benajah Wilcox, of Corning, New York; James, who died in Andersonville Prison during the Rebellion, and Milton R., who lives on a part of the old homestead. In politics, Mr. Walker was a Democrat, and in religion, both he and wife were members of the Christian church. He died June 17, 1870, and his wife, December 23, 1876.

LEWIS RANDALL WALKER, oldest son of Lewis and Isabel (Butler) Walker, was born on the homestead farm in Covington township, Tioga county, December 1, 1834. He received a common school education, and remained with his parents until 1861, when he began for himself on a rented farm. In the autumn of 1862 he located on his present farm, then owned by his uncle, Stratton Walker, where he has since been engaged in general farming. On December 26, 1860, Mr. Walker married Arvilla Wilcox, a daughter of John H. Wilcox. She was born in Delmar township, May 28, 1842, and became the mother of nine children, as follows: Henry E., a tinsmith, residing in Corning; James A., a hardware merchant of Woodhull, New York; Isaac D., a farmer of Gibson, New York; Ora J., a farmer of the same place; Eva A., wife of Ralph VanKeuren, of Gibson; Lewis S., who died in childhood; Earl S., a teacher in New York state; Martha A., who is employed in the State Normal School, at Mansfield, and Alfred G., who lives in Gibson. Mrs. Walker was an active member of the Christian church. She died March 14, 1882. Mr. Walker was again married February 24, 1883, to Louisa Miller, a daughter of Isaac Miller, of Potter county, who bore him four children, viz: Porter N., Mary E., Jessie Q. and Randall C. Mrs. Walker died on August 21, 1894. She was a consistent member of the First Baptist church of Covington. For twenty years Mr. Walker was a member of the I. O. O. F. Politically, he is a Republican, and has held most of the township offices at different periods.

MILTON R. WALKER, youngest child of Lewis and Isabel Walker, was born on his present farm in Covington township, June 14, 1846, and has spent his entire life upon the homestead, which contains seventy-four acres and is well-improved. May 4, 1872, he married Hannah M. Wilcox, a daughter of Benajah Wilcox. She was born August 30, 1850, and is the mother of five children, as follows: Cora M., William J., Lewis, Isabel and Hannah M. Mrs. Walker is a member of the Christian church. In politics, he is a Democrat, and has served three years as school director and one year as treasurer of the school board.

JAMES WALKER, youngest son of Isaac Walker, was born at Langdon, New Hampshire, April 22, 1809, and was only four years old when the family settled in Covington township, where he attended school in the pioneer log building of that locality. After attaining manhood he purchased a small farm, and also worked in a sash and blind factory at Covington for a few years. He later took up the carpenter's trade, and subsequently sold his property in Covington and bought a farm in the eastern part of Covington township, which he afterwards disposed of and moved to Blossburg, where he was employed for about twenty years as foreman of the carpenter department in the shops of the Tioga Railroad Company. In 1884 he retired from active labor, and resided with his son, Delos H., up to his death, July 18, 1887. Mr. Walker married Eliza Hazleton, a daughter of Dr. John Hazleton, of Townsend, Vermont, who bore him three children, viz: Delos H., of Covington township; Roswell A., who died at Belle Plains, Virginia, December 9, 1862, while a soldier in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, and Mary A., wife of Alfred T. James, of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Walker died at the home of her son, Delos H., January 25, 1885.

DELOS HAZLETON WALKER, oldest child and only living son of James and Eliza Walker, was born in Covington, Tioga county, November 25, 1835. He obtained a good common school education, commenced teaching when nineteen years of age, and taught seven winter terms. When twenty-one years old he rented a farm in Covington township, on which he resided up to 1862, and then went to Morris Run, where he was employed for ten years by the Morris Run Coal Company, first as weighmaster, and later as book-keeper. In the autumn of 1873 he moved to Wellsboro, and in December following he was appointed deputy sheriff, by Sheriff Bowen. In the fall of 1876 he was elected sheriff, on the Republican ticket, with which party he has always affiliated, and served a full term. In the spring of 1880 he removed to a farm in Covington township, three miles southwest of Covington, which he had purchased during his residence in Morris Run. It contains 130 acres of well-improved land, and he also owns 180 acres of timber land in the same township. He has since devoted his principal attention to general farming, and is one of the leading agriculturalists of this section of the county. Mr. Walker was married June 9, 1860, to Julia A. Frost, a daughter of Lyman Frost, who came from Tioga county, New York, at an early day and located in Covington township, the locality being now known as the "Frost Settlement," where he engaged in the lumber business. Mr. Frost married Hannah Ufford, who bore him eleven children, ten of whom grew to maturity, viz: Asal V., of Wisconsin; Ruel, of Nevada; Nathaniel, who lives in Minnesota; Keziah, wife of M. C. Seely, of Washington; Nancy, wife of Horman Allen, of Missouri; Julia A., wife of D. H. Walker; Sarah, wife of A. M. Whittaker, of Kansas; Mary, deceased wife of Arthur Goodspeed, of Mansfield; Jane, wife of S. D. Cudworth, of Missouri, and Lyman, a resident of the same State. Mrs. Frost died in Mirabile, Missouri, April 23, 1885, and her husband, in the same place, August 7, 1896, at the ripe age of ninety-one years. Mrs. Walker was born June 28, 1839, and is the mother of five children, viz: Maud Lillian, and Bertie Roswell, both of whom died in infancy; Houston Frost, principal of the Blossburg schools; Bertha May, wife of Oliver F. Kelley, of Corning, and Lyman James. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are

members of the First Baptist church of Covington. He has always taken a prominent part in public affairs, has filled the offices of school director, auditor and township clerk, and is a member of the K. of H.

SAMUEL FROST, a native of Massachusetts, born April 7, 1781, was a successful farmer and lumberman. He married Keziah Edson, and reared a family of eleven children, viz: Lucy, Hiram, Lyman, Julia, Calvin, Ashbel, Samuel, Betsey, James, Stillman and Elias, the last three of whom were born in Tioga county, New York. Of this family, Lyman, Calvin, Samuel, James and Elias, all located at or near what is now known as the "Frost Settlement" and have left numerous descendants in this section of the county.

ELIAS FROST, youngest son of Samuel Frost, was born in Tioga county, New York, February 19, 1822. When he was sixteen years old he went to work on his own account, and after arriving at manhood bought a farm in the Frost settlement. Nine years later he sold this property and in the fall of 1856 purchased 132 acres in Richmond township, where he has since resided. In 1847 he married Elizabeth Bryant, a daughter of David Bryant, of Richmond township, who bore him six children, as follows: Adaline, deceased; Harvey, a resident of Richmond township; Samuel S., of Covington township; Ameda, deceased; Adelo, wife of Burt Mudge, of Covington, and Arthur, a farmer of the same township.

SAMUEL S. FROST, a son of Elias Frost, and grandson of Samuel Frost, was born in the Frost settlement, Tioga county, July 28, 1850, and attended the common schools in boyhood. When nineteen years of age he began working out as a farm hand, which he continued up to his twenty-fourth year, when he and his brother, Harvey, bought a farm. A year later he sold his interest in this property, and in April, 1874, purchased fifty acres of his present farm. In October, 1883, he bought an additional sixty acres, and in April, 1888, fifty acres more, and now owns a well-improved property of 160 acres. Mr. Frost was married March 30, 1873, to Dorcas M. Kiley, a daughter of John Kiley. She was born on December 30, 1853, and is the mother of four children, viz: Walter E., Stella M., John S. and Earl J. Mrs. Frost is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, a stanch Republican, Mr. Frost has filled the office of school director for the past five years and was treasurer of the school board for three years. He is one of the enterprising farmers of his native township.

EPHRAIM B. GEROULD was born in Newtown, Connecticut, January 14, 1788, a son of Jabez and Demaris (Bennett) Gerould. His father was born in Wrentham, Massachusetts, November 1, 1748, and was a son of Gamaliel and Rebecca (Lawrence) Gerould, and a grandson of Dr. Jacques Gerould, a silk manufacturer of France, who came to America in 1685 and finally located in Medfield, Massachusetts. Jabez Gerould was a soldier in the Revolution, and subsequently followed blacksmithing in Newtown, Connecticut, whence he removed to Franklin, New York, in 1798. In 1801 he located in East Smithfield, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where he died on June 12, 1802. His wife, Demaris, survived until March 20, 1829. Their children were Jerusha, James, Susanna, Ephraim B., George, Ziba, Jabez L., Abel J. and Theodore. Ephraim B. was thirteen years old when the family settled in Bradford county. There he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Foster, who bore him one son, Theodore Clark. She died on August 11,

1824, and soon afterwards Mr. Gerould came to Tioga county and bought a large farm in Covington township. He subsequently married Christiana Putnam, a daughter of Thomas Putnam, who became the mother of three children, viz: Henry M., Otis G. and Maria E. Mr. Gerould was a prominent and successful man, and was actively engaged in merchandising, lumbering and farming. He was also a surveyor, and agent for the Bingham lands in this section of the county. He was an earnest worker in the Baptist church, and in politics, a stanch Democrat. He filled the office of postmaster for a period, and was a brigade inspector in the militia. He died on April 22, 1845, and his wife, Christiana, October 23, 1871. She also was an active and zealous worker in the Baptist church, and it was through her faithfully carrying out the plans of her husband, after his death, that the Baptist church edifice was erected.

OTIS GIBSON GEROULD, ex-treasurer of Tioga county, was born in the borough of Covington, Tioga county, December 17, 1830, and grew to manhood in his native township. He obtained a good education, and adopted farming as his life vocation. In November, 1861, he enlisted in Company L, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was made commissary sergeant. In 1862 he was promoted to battalion commissary sergeant, and served in that capacity until September 9, 1863, when he rejoined his company with the rank of first sergeant, and participated in all of its battles up to October 13, 1864, when he was wounded near Rome, Georgia. He was confined in hospital until March, 1865, when he rejoined his company with the rank of first lieutenant, and was honorably discharged at Macon, Georgia, in August, 1865. Returning to his home he resumed farming, which he continued up to 1880. In 1889 he was elected county treasurer, and filled the office three years. He has also been a justice of the peace for ten years, and has filled the offices of school director, member of council, high constable, street commissioner and collector of taxes, as well as that of burgess of Covington. Mr. Gerould was married January 13, 1855, to Mary, a daughter of John Seamon, of Ithaca, New York, to which union have been born seven children, viz: Putnam B., a glass worker, of Covington; Otis, a book-keeper and farmer, who lives in California; Adah, who died at the age of six years; Effie, a kindergarten teacher in Cleveland, Ohio; Belle, wife of Herbert L. Bloom, of Wellsboro; Christiana, wife of Edgar E. VanCampen, and James N. a glass worker, of Kane, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Gerould are members of the First Baptist church, and in politics, he is a Republican. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1856, and was district deputy for eight years. He is also connected with the U. V. L. and the G. A. R., in both of which he takes an active interest.

TIMOTHY KNOWLTON was one of the early pioneer settlers of Sullivan township, Tioga county, where he located as early as 1812, purchasing 300 acres of land four miles east of Covington, the present townships of Covington, Richmond and Sullivan cornering on his farm. He was born in Mason, New Hampshire, July 2, 1788, a son of Henry and Sybil (Wright) Knowlton, and came from New Hampshire to Tioga county. At that time Sullivan township was covered by the primitive forest, with here and there a clearing and a rude log cabin. Mr. Knowlton was then unmarried, and his sister Eunice kept house for him five years. He went bravely to work to make

a home, the forest gradually yielded to his sturdy industry, and cultivated fields took its place. His entire life in this county was spent in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture. On January 6, 1820, he married Polly Pitts, a daughter of Hanover and Mollie (Cudworth) Pitts, pioneers of Sullivan township. She became the mother of ten children, as follows: Polly M., deceased wife of Hosea Kennedy; Benjamin F., of Shippen township; John C., of Richmond township; Andrew J. and Charles W., both deceased; Caroline M., widow of Isaiah Blackburn; Eliza J., deceased wife of Frank Vanvalin; Mary A., deceased wife of Lyman Hakes; Leander, who died in infancy, and Hanover Pitts, of Covington township. Mr. Knowlton lived on his farm in Sullivan up to 1865, when he went to Vineland, New Jersey, and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Vanvalin, until his death, August 16, 1868. Mrs. Knowlton survived her husband nearly nineteen years, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Blackburn, in Richmond township, Tioga county, May 30, 1887.

HANOVER PITTS KNOWLTON, youngest child of Timothy Knowlton, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, December 19, 1838, and was educated in the common schools of his district. When twenty years of age he went to Tioga and opened a meat market, remaining in that business one year. He then purchased a farm of seventy-two acres in Delmar township, upon which he lived until the spring of 1866, when he removed to Mansfield and engaged in merchandising. He continued in that business twenty months, at the end of which period he removed to a farm in Sullivan township. He later engaged in the meat business, and then bought a farm in the Frost settlement, on which he has since lived. He is the owner of two farms in Covington, embracing 110 acres, and also owns thirty acres of timber land in Sullivan township. After locating in Covington, he followed the meat business for a period, but has since devoted his whole attention to general farming and dairying, being also the owner of a steam thresher. Mr. Knowlton was married January 7, 1860, to Sarah E., a daughter of Leonard Phillips, of Sullivan township, where she was born on February 23, 1839. Eight children have blessed this union, as follows: Julia M., widow of R. L. Smith, of Jersey City, New Jersey; Eliza L., wife of D. W. Williams, of Colorado; Carrie M., wife of Nelson Whitteker, of Richmond township; Leonard J., principal of the High School, Butte, Montana; Matthew S., also a teacher; Sadie L., wife of Daniel Burnside, of Silverton, Colorado; Hanover W., and Ethel L., both of whom live with their parents. In politics, Mr. Knowlton is an ardent Democrat, has served three years as school director, and is an active member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

JOHN JAQUISH was born in New York City, June 17, 1754. His father, a native of England, was a sea captain, whose home was in New York, and was finally lost at sea, though it is supposed that he was murdered by Captain Kidd, the notorious pirate. When John was fourteen years old he was bound out to learn the harness-maker's trade, and at the breaking out of the Revolution he enlisted and served throughout the war. He was afterwards given a pension and three land grants in the state of New York, on one of which he settled, in Delaware county, where he resided up to his death, August 3, 1845. He married Catherine Wheaton, who bore him eleven children, viz: John, Margaret, Dorothy, Joseph, Eliza-

beth, David, James, Matthias, Daniel H., Sarah and Nathan B. Mrs. Jaquish died September 8, 1842, in the eighty-first year of her age.

JOSEPH JAQUISH, second son of John Jaquish, was born in Delaware county, New York, November 2, 1787, and there grew to manhood. He received a good education, and after teaching school for a few years, he rented land and engaged in farming. In June, 1828, he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and bought 120 acres of forest land, where Charles Jaquish now lives, which he cleared and improved, residing thereon up to his death, August 3, 1867. He married Clarissa M. Reynolds, a native of Rhode Island, born December 2, 1793, who became the mother of eight children, viz: Welcome, who died in 1884, in his sixty-ninth year; John W., who died in 1874, in his fifty-sixth year; Horace S., a resident of Richmond township, born in 1819, who followed teaching and farming, and also served in Company B, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers; Charles, a farmer of Covington township; Joseph B., a resident of Minnesota, who served in Company K, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers; Phoebe M., deceased wife of W. H. Strong, of the same State; Desire A., widow of Henry Beardsley, who lives in Wisconsin, and Elizabeth M., widow of Evan Lewis, of Charleston township. Mrs. Jaquish died on the old homestead, February 17, 1864.

CHARLES JAQUISH, a son of Joseph Jaquish, was born in Delaware county, New York, November 21, 1823, and was in his fifth year when the family settled in Covington township, Tioga county. He attended the common schools of that township, and when twenty-one years old bought a farm of seventy acres in Sullivan township, on which he resided up to the spring of 1885. He then sold his Sullivan farm and bought eighty-four acres of the farm which was settled by his father in 1828, where he has since resided. On November 12, 1846, he married Elizabeth G. Walker, a daughter of Lewis Walker. She was born on October 25, 1827, and bore him a family of six children, viz: Charles L., who died on December 30, 1880, leaving a widow, Eliza (Robinson) Jaquish, and one son, Frank C., who live in Mansfield; George H., an outside foreman in the mines of Clearfield county; Ellen J., wife of B. A. Webster, of Sullivan township; Joseph S., also an outside foreman in Clearfield county mines; Francis E., who died on March 13, 1873, and Jane A., wife of Lincoln Whitteker, of Richmond township. Mrs. Jaquish died on March 27, 1874. Politically, Mr. Jaquish is a Republican, and has filled the offices of school director and justice of the peace. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. for thirty years, but is not now actively connected with the society.

CHARLES HOWLAND was born in Hamden, Delaware county, New York, February 17, 1820, a son of Asa Howland, a native of New Hampshire, and a grandson of Seth Howland. Asa learned the shoemaker's trade in his native place, and later removed to Delaware county, New York, and became a farmer. In 1839 he removed to Springfield township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming for many years, but finally resumed work at his trade. He removed to Elmira, New York, about 1850, and there died July 4, 1861. His wife, Lucretia Benjamin, bore him a family of eleven children, ten of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Juliette, deceased wife of Albert Jones, of Elmira, New York; Marietta, who died in Elmira at the age of sixty-eight years; Charles, of Covington; Ransford F., who died in Williamsport, leaving one daughter, Hattie; Angilette, widow of Dr. Julius

Rea, of Milford, Delaware; Antoinette, deceased wife of Robert Hill, of Elmira; Gaylord, a resident of Canandaigua, New York; Benjamin F., a leather merchant of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Leroy, who died in Kansas, and Janette, widow of George W. Parsons, of Elmira. Mrs. Howland died in Elmira in September, 1881. Her husband was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving from New York state. Charles Howland spent his early life on his father's farm. In 1840 he came to Tioga county and found employment with Boyd & Cleaver, a lumber firm of Covington township. During the next twelve years he also worked for other firms, and made a number of trips down Pine creek, and the Tioga and Susquehanna rivers as a raft steersman, acquiring much skill and proficiency in that line of work. In September, 1840, Mr. Howland helped load the first coal train that left Blossburg over the Tioga railroad, then just completed. In 1842 he sawed three months on the lumber used in the construction of the Seymour House, Blossburg. In 1858 he bought the Royal Walker farm of eighty-one acres, upon which he has since lived, giving his attention to agriculture. On January 1, 1849, he married Eliza Walker, a daughter of Royal Walker. She was born August 11, 1824, and became the mother of seven children, as follows: Ella L., widow of S. A. Hoagland, of Marion, Iowa; Edward L., a box maker in the Covington Glass Works, who married Mary Williams, and has three children, Eliza, Pearl and Harry; Emma L., who died at the age of nine years; William E., a glass worker in Frankton, Indiana, who married Louisa Lutes, and has one child, Maude; Charles H., a glass blower in Frankton, who married Sarah Coe, and has one child, Hazel; Ransford and Randolph, twins, the latter of whom died at two years of age. Ransford is a packer in the Covington Glass Works, married Anna Marvin, and has three children: David F., Anna and Ransford. Mrs. Howland died October 29, 1873. On December 16, 1874, Mr. Howland married Martha J. Johnson, a daughter of Simon Johnson, of Troy, Bradford county. She was born November 22, 1836, and is a member of the First Baptist church of Covington. In politics, Mr. Howland is a Democrat, and has filled the offices of burgess, assessor, collector and served in the Covington council. He is also connected with the I. O. O. F., and the P. of H. societies, and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the borough.

JOHN CALVIN BENNETT was born in Sherman, Connecticut, September 9, 1812, and removed with his parents to the Canisteo valley, near Hornellsville, New York, about 1824. About 1836 he purchased a pre-emption right to several hundred acres of land near Clinton, Iowa, upon which he located. Owing to the unsettled condition of the country, on account of hostilities breaking out between the whites and Indians, he disposed of his claim and returned to Pennsylvania, settling in Richmond township, Tioga county. Here he was married September 11, 1838, to Olive Wilson, a daughter of Sumner Wilson, one of the pioneer settlers of that township. To this union were born two children, Albert M. and Frank E. The latter died in 1861. In 1849 Mr. Bennett removed to Covington and engaged in mercantile pursuits, continuing there during the remainder of his life. His death occurred on January 21, 1889. His wife survived him about a year, dying March 19, 1890. Mr. Bennett was a member of the Presbyterian church for many years, and was connected with the I. O. O. F. from 1849, in which year he joined the Covington lodge. His surviving son, Albert M., continued the business started

by his father until January 1, 1896. In 1892, associating with other business men of Covington, they purchased the Covington Glass Works, of which he became manager. Resigning early in 1893, he removed to Elmira, New York, where he erected and became manager of the Elmira Window Glass Works, owned by the Elmira Glass Company, which position he still holds.

JOSEPH W. WHITING was born in Readsboro, Vermont, January 5, 1820, a son of Danforth and Rebecca (Sherman) Whiting, and a grandson of Danforth Whiting, who located in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, about 1827. Joseph W. received a common school education, and when twenty-one years of age bought a small farm in Columbia township, Bradford county, on which he resided for seventeen years, adding to his original purchase until he owned 215 acres. He sold this farm in the spring of 1849, and bought his present farm in Covington township, Tioga county, from Lyman Frost, which now embraces 325 acres. Here he has lived for the past forty-seven years, engaged in general farming. On October 24, 1867, he married Julia A. Kingsbury, a daughter of Absalom and Polly Kingsbury, of Covington township. She was born July 27, 1827, and bore him one daughter, Gena, born July 28, 1871, now the wife of James H. Kendrick, of Covington township. Mrs. Whiting died December 27, 1887, and he was again married May 24, 1888, to Laura N. Ayers, a daughter of Abijah A. and Thursa (Palmer) Ayers, of Canton, Bradford county. She was born September 22, 1847. Mr. Whiting is a member of the First Baptist church, of Covington, while his wife is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, a Republican, he has served five years as justice of the peace, one year as assessor, one as collector, and about thirty years as a school director. Mr. Whiting is one of the prominent, well-to-do farmers of the township, and is highly respected for his many sterling qualities.

STEPHEN F. RICHARDS was born in Milford, Otsego county, New York, October 26, 1823, a son of Rectus and Susanna (French) Richards, natives of Massachusetts. His father was a farmer and cloth manufacturer, and was twice married. His first wife, Susanna French, bore him six children, viz: William, who died in infancy; Mary, deceased wife of the late David Pitts; Stephen F., of Covington township; Emily, wife of Samuel Hitchcock, of Massachusetts; Otis, who was a farmer, merchant and teacher, and died at Nelson, Tioga county, and Susanna, who died in childhood. Mrs. Richards died in 1836, and he subsequently married Nancy Thayer, of Massachusetts. He died in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, in 1873, aged eighty-four years. Stephen F. obtained a good common school education, and in 1846 came to Tioga county. He purchased a farm in Sullivan township, where he lived up to 1858, when he sold it, also another property that he owned in the Frost settlement which he had bought in 1854, and then purchased eighty acres of his present homestead, since increased to 200 acres. Here he has resided, engaged in general farming, but making a specialty of raising and handling stock, principally horses, having sold one horse, Beucephalus, for \$3,400. Mr. Richards has been twice married. His first wife, Mary Snow, bore him one child, Mary, now the wife of Harris Guilford, of Massachusetts. His second marriage occurred September 29, 1860, to Elizabeth C. Johnson, a daughter of Joseph Johnson, of Covington township. She was born in Blossburg, April 20, 1843, and is the mother of three children, viz: Stephen F., born April 20, 1863, and died on April 2, 1880;

William F., born March 20, 1866, and Edward A., born July 29, 1881. William F. was educated in the common schools and at Mansfield State Normal, and is engaged in farming on the homestead. He married Florence DeHaas, a daughter of Alexander M. DeHaas, of Clinton county, September 3, 1891, and has two children, Helen V. and Harold J. Both he and wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Richards are members of the Presbyterian church, also of the Patrons of Husbandry, and he is connected with the I. O. O. F. He has served two terms as justice of the peace, and in politics, is an independent voter.

JOHN KILEY, retired farmer, was born in Georgia, Franklin county, Vermont, May 27, 1821, a son of Michael and Betsey (Hurlbut) Kiley, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Vermont. His father came to the United States at the age of fifteen and learned the tailor's trade, and followed that business in connection with farming. He reared six children, viz: John, James, Ebenezer, Henry, Mary and Lydia. John received a limited education, and worked on the homestead farm in Vermont until twenty-one years of age. He then removed to New York state, where he worked in a saw-mill six years. In 1849 he came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and found employment in the saw-mills on Mill creek, in Rutland township. Three years later he rented the James R. Wilson farm in Richmond township, which he cultivated up to October, 1862. He then enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks. He was wounded in the latter engagement, which incapacitated him for further service, and he was discharged June 20, 1863. Returning to his home in Richmond township, he lived there until 1865, when he purchased a farm of 257 acres in Richmond township, and a short time later bought his present homestead of 167 acres in Covington township. He has been unable to do any manual labor since the war. Mr. Kiley was married September 18, 1848, to Dorothy Codney, who bore him six children, viz: Betsey, wife of Harvey Frost, of Richmond; Dorcas, wife of Samuel Frost, of Covington; Samuel H., a resident of the latter township; John, a physician of Morris Run; Lydia, wife of Prof. C. B. Clark, of Antrim, and Frank, a physician of Gordon, Schuylkill county. Mrs. Kiley died in February, 1887, aged forty-seven years. Mr. Kiley resides with his son, Samuel H. He is a stanch Republican, and a member of the G. A. R. and the P. of H.

SAMUEL H. KILEY, eldest son of John Kiley, was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, July 26, 1857, and attended the common schools in boyhood. In 1882 he purchased his present homestead in Covington township, and has since devoted his attention to farming. On December 25, 1879, he married Adel Clark, a daughter of John Clark, of Sullivan township, and has four children, viz: Love, John, William and Ross. Mrs. Kiley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Kiley is a Republican, and has filled the offices of supervisor and school director. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and P. of H. societies, in both of which he takes an active interest.

NICHOLAS WATKINS was born in Connecticut, July 4, 1810, and was the youngest son of Benoni Watkins, a native of the same State, who settled on a farm of 200 acres where Austinville, Bradford county, now stands, in 1816. Benoni previously married Hannah Peet, and they reared a family of seven children, viz:

Daniel, Delighta, Betsey, Sally, Abel, Granson and Nicholas. The subject of this sketch was about six years old when his parents settled in Bradford county. He worked at home until 1830, when he purchased a farm in Columbia township, Bradford county, on which he lived six years. In 1836 he bought a farm in Sullivan township, Tioga county, which he cultivated until old age, and then retired to Mainesburg, where he died in May, 1893. He married Sarah Rose, to which union were born six children, as follows: John R., of Covington township; Benoni, a wagonmaker in Ft. Scott, Kansas; Lodemia, who died in infancy; Hannah, wife of Jesse Austin, of Mainesburg; Charlotte, wife of Omer Doud, of the same place, and Philetta, wife of B. F. Connelly, also a resident of Mainesburg. Mrs. Watkins resides in Mainesburg with her daughter, Mrs. Doud, at the ripe age of eighty-four years.

JOHN R. WATKINS, eldest child of Nicholas Watkins, and grandson of Benoni Watkins, was born on the Tioga and Bradford line, two and a half miles west of Austinville. He obtained a common school education and worked on the homestead until twenty-five years of age, when he began in life for himself, as a farmer. In the fall of 1869, he purchased his present farm of ninety acres, in Covington township, on which he lived for ten years. He then went to Bradford, McKean county, and carried on a fruit and vegetable store for two years, at the end of which period he returned to his farm in Covington. In 1889 he embarked in the lumber business, which he continued until the spring of 1896, when he resumed farming. On February 20, 1857, Mr. Watkins married Sophia Welsh, a daughter of Leonard Welsh, of Sullivan township, and has two children, viz: Rosa B., wife of David Ames, of Covington township, and Jay R., who was born on July 21, 1867. The family are members of the Church of Christ, and in politics, adherents of the Republican party.

ABEL WATKINS was born in Connecticut, in 1806, a son of Benoni Watkins, a native of the same State, who settled on a farm of 200 acres where Austinville, Bradford county, now stands, in 1816. Benoni previously married Hannah Peet, and reared a family of seven children, viz: Daniel, Delighta, Betsey, Sally, Abel, Granson and Nicholas. Abel was ten years old when the family located in Bradford county, and he grew to manhood on the homestead farm, and attended the pioneer school of the district. He later purchased a farm in Sullivan township, Tioga county, where he followed farming and stock-droving up to 1872, when he retired to Sylvania, Bradford county, and died in 1880. He married Mary Van Gorder, who bore him seven children, as follows: Hannah, deceased wife of the late Dr. Burchard, of Chicago; Andrew J., deceased; Emma, wife of E. R. Backer, of Elmira; George, a resident of California; Jerusha, widow of Dayton Hollenback, of Sylvania; Seely E., a farmer of Richmond township, and Frank, a lumberman of Covington township. Mrs. Watkins died on June 23, 1894.

ANDREW J. WATKINS, oldest son of Abel Watkins, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, October 13, 1830, and was reared and educated in his native place. On attaining his majority he purchased a farm in Rutland township, whence he removed to Richmond, but returned to Rutland again. In 1870 he located in Covington township, purchasing a farm of 350 acres, one mile above Covington, to which he later added 180 acres more. He and his brother Seely also bought the

old homestead in Sullivan township. In 1889 he moved to a small farm in Covington borough, where he died in February, 1890. He married Clarinda Hurd, who bore him four children, as follows: Rush J., a steamboat captain in the state of Washington; Eugene O., of Covington township; Olive A., of the same township, and Frederick B., deceased. Mrs. Watkins resides in Covington. Mr. Watkins served in the Union army during the late Rebellion. He was an active Republican, and filled the offices of assessor and school director.

EUGENE O. WATKINS was born in Richmond township, Tioga county, July 9, 1860, a son of Andrew J. Watkins, and grandson of Abel Watkins. He attended the common schools of the township and borough of Covington, and has always lived on the old homestead farm. On June 17, 1886, he married Mary A. Harding, a daughter of Simeon and Lydia (Goodnow) Harding, early settlers of Covington, and has two children, Floy L. and Maude C. Mrs. Watkins is a member of the First Baptist church, of Covington. In politics, Mr. Watkins is a Republican, and is also connected with the I. O. O. F. and the P. of H. societies.

REV. GEORGE W. SCUDDER was born at Gorham, Ontario county, New York, August 25, 1818, a son of Ezra Scudder. He received a good education and in early manhood began preaching for the Free Will Baptist church, but when the slavery question began to be agitated, he became a Wesleyan Methodist, and for many years preached for that church in the counties of Steuben, Allegany, Schuyler and Tompkins, New York, and in Sullivan, Bradford, Tioga and Potter counties, Pennsylvania. He first came to Tioga county in the spring of 1863, and in 1865 purchased a farm in Charleston township, on which his son resided up to 1882. He then sold it and bought one in the northeast corner of Covington township, where he resided until a year and a half before his death, which occurred October 26, 1894, when he was stricken with paralysis and removed to the home of his son, Franklin B. Mr. Scudder was married to Emmeline Parsons, a daughter of Thadeus Parsons, of Clifton Springs, New York, October 21, 1841. She was born October 20, 1820, and is the mother of two children, viz: Ezra F., born July 28, 1842, and died June 21, 1859, and Franklin B., who lives on the old homestead. Mrs. Scudder lives with her son in Covington township.

FRANKLIN B. SCUDDER, only living child of Rev. George W. Scudder, was born in Potter, Yates county, New York, June 25, 1845. When eighteen years of age he enlisted in Battery F, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and served in the battles of Weldon Railroad and Chapin Farm. He was transferred to the light artillery, in which he served six months, and later three months as a mounted herdsman. In the fall of 1865 he was detailed to the provost guard, and later on the detective force, where he served until discharged, at City Point, in January, 1866. He returned to his home in Charleston township, and a year later went to Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, where he worked out and attended school at intervals for two years. Returning to his father's home, he worked for his parents until the fall of 1886, when he bought fifty-three acres immediately east of the homestead, which he cultivated until his father's death. He then inherited the homestead property of sixty acres, and is now the owner of 113 acres of well-improved land. October 26, 1868, Mr. Scudder married Roxie T., a daughter of Joseph Fawcett, of Sullivan county, where she was born on May 9, 1851. They

are the parents of five children, viz: Jennie E., wife of Marlin Clemens, of Charleston township; Grace V., William W., Emma L. and Frankie B. Mr. and Mrs. Scudder are members of the Wesleyan Methodist church, while their daughter Grace is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics, the family are adherents of the Republican party.

THE BLOSSBURG COAL REGION.

MARTIN STRATTON was born near Towanda, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1807. His parents, Cephas and Hannah (Adams) Stratton, natives of Simsbury, Connecticut, settled in Bradford county in 1791. In 1813 they came to Tioga county, and located near Canoe Camp. They resided in Richmond township and in Mansfield until October 12, 1818, when the family left for Cincinnati, Ohio, settling four miles from that city, on Mill creek, where the parents passed the remainder of their lives. In 1821 the subject of this sketch went to Cincinnati to learn the carpenter's trade. After serving three years as an apprentice and one year as a journeyman, he went to New Orleans, where he remained but a short time. Returning to Cincinnati, he was induced, by promises of government work, to go to Fort Independence, Missouri. Being disappointed in this, he returned to Cincinnati, and in March, 1831, came back to Mansfield. After a three years' stay in Tioga county, he again returned to Cincinnati, and a year later removed to La Salle, Illinois. In 1840 he returned to Mansfield, and in December, 1841, located at Blossburg. For thirteen years he had charge of the repairs of coal chutes, etc., in Blossburg, for William Mallory & Company, and from 1861 to 1876 was in the employ of the Fall Brook Coal Company, at Fall Brook, as master mechanic. For a number of years he has been living retired in Blossburg, his residence, built in 1841-42, being one of the oldest houses in the place. In politics, he is a Republican, and has served as justice of the peace and school director. In religion, he is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Stratton was married October 18, 1832, to Eliza Holden, a daughter of Daniel and Lydia Holden, pioneer settlers of Mansfield. Mrs. Stratton was born in Schoharie county, New York, in 1811, and they celebrated the sixty-fourth anniversary of their marriage, October 18, 1896. Three children have been born to them, viz: Daniel H., Myron S., a railroad engineer, killed in an accident at Gray's run, Tioga county, August 25, 1892, and Lucy, wife of Rev. Marcellus Karcher, rector of Christ Protestant Episcopal church, of Blossburg. Lydia, an adopted daughter, is the wife of A. F. Gaylord of the same borough.

DANIEL H. STRATTON, eldest son of Martin Stratton, was born in Covington, Tioga county, January 1, 1834. He learned the carpenter's trade with his father, and from 1853 to 1855 he was in the employ of William Mallory & Company, of Blossburg. He then engaged in the grocery business in that place, continuing in the same three years. In the latter part of 1858 he went to Fall Brook, as foreman in charge of constructing and repairing chutes, etc., for the Fall Brook Coal Company. In 1864 he took charge of the railroad shop in Blossburg, a position he still holds. Mr. Stratton was married June 23, 1854, to Mary C. Scott, a daughter of Robert and Eliza Jane Scott, to which union have been born ten children, viz: Alice, deceased; Frank H., Mary, deceased wife of E. S. Guernsey, of Salamanca, New York; Fred and Nina, both deceased; Lucy H., Jennie, Daniel R., a

graduate of the Medical Department of the University of New York; Kate, wife of E. J. Bosworth, of Gaines, Tioga county, and Raymond. In politics, Mr. Stratton is a Democrat. He served in the first council of Blossburg, and has filled the office of justice of the peace, school director, auditor and township clerk. He is a member of the Masonic order, and of the K. of H.

FRANK H. STRATTON, eldest son of Daniel H. Stratton, was born in Blossburg, Tioga county, April 14, 1857, and was educated in the public schools and the State Normal School at Mansfield. He clerked for some years in the railroad shop office, and for seven years had charge of the weigh office in Blossburg of the Morris Run and Fall Brook Coal Companies. From 1885 to 1889 he was United States gauger of the Twelfth district of Pennsylvania, after which he again took charge of the weigh office of the companies named. On March 29, 1894, he was appointed by President Cleveland postmaster of Blossburg, which office he still holds. He is also superintendent of the Blossburg Water Company. Mr. Stratton was married in June, 1889, to Maria Bowen, a daughter of the late Stephen Bowen, sheriff of Tioga county from 1873 to 1876. They are the parents of three children, viz: Augustus D., Agnes and Nina. Mr. Stratton is an ardent Democrat. He is a past master of Bloss Lodge, No. 350, F. & A. M., and is also connected with Wellsboro Chapter, and Tyagaghton Commandery, of Wellsboro.

PATRICK BANNON was born in Thurlas, County Tipperary, Ireland, in April, 1814. In 1827 he went to Wales, and worked in the iron furnaces there until 1836, when he immigrated to the United States and located in Troy, New York, but soon afterwards removed to Pottsville, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a moulder in a foundry. In 1840 he came to Blossburg, Tioga county, and during the remaining years of his life, until he retired, he worked in the mines at Blossburg and Morris Run. A few years before his death, which occurred September 17, 1894, at the age of seventy-nine, he was interested in developing a tract of coal land near Hoytville. His agreement with the owner was that if he struck the Blossburg vein he was to have one-half the land. He died before securing the deed, and the matter is now in the courts. Mr. Bannon came to Blossburg when there were but few families in that place. The railroad had just been completed and the work of developing the coal deposits begun. He soon became known as a man of enterprise and public spirit. It was through his efforts that the first Catholic church in the county was established in Blossburg. He secured the gift of the site from Hon. Horatio Seymour, and collected the money for the erection of the church building, which was afterwards dedicated as St. Andrew's Catholic church. He was a member of the C. T. A., and also of the K. of L. In politics, he was a staunch Republican, and served as a member of the council, supervisor and school director for a number of years. He was tireless in his efforts to secure the establishment of a public school in the village, in which project he was finally successful. He lived an earnest, useful life, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of the leading people of the county. Mr. Bannon was married April 14, 1839, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, to Joana Loneragan, a daughter of William Loneragan, a merchant of Thurlas, Ireland. Mrs. Bannon, who, notwithstanding her advanced age, preserves an active mind and a clear memory, was born April 7, 1816, and came to Canada with her parents when a child. Her father located on a farm near Montreal, where the family resided until 1834,

when they removed to Pottsville, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Bannon met and married her late husband. Four of her brothers were in the Union army, viz: William, a deceased manufacturer of St. Louis, Missouri; James, a farmer of the same State; Patrick, who also resides in Missouri, and John, a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Another brother, Michael, went to St. Louis at an early day, and died there of yellow fever in 1837. Mrs. Bannon is the mother of seven children, viz: Mary, wife of William Larkin, of Bradford, McKean county; William, a resident of the same place, who married Lida English; Anthony, a resident of Bradford, ex-state senator of this district, to which office he was elected in 1892, having previously served as a member of the council of Kendall Creek, coroner of McKean county, sheriff of the county, chairman of the Republican county committee, a delegate to the state convention, congressional conferee, reading clerk of the State Senate in 1889 and journal clerk of the same body in 1891; Joana, a resident of Bradford; Jane, who resides with her mother; Lizzie, wife of Christopher O'Connor, of Jefferson county, and Alice, who lives at home. Mrs. Bannon is a woman of education and refinement, and enjoys the regard and confidence of a large circle of friends. She is one of the oldest living residents of Blossburg.

HENRY KILBOURN, physician and surgeon, was born in Shrewsbury, Vermont, March 23, 1802. He studied medicine in his native State, at Castleton, and received his diploma in 1828. In December of that year he married Miss Fannie Briggs, to which union were born the following children: Henrietta, a resident of Portland, Oregon; Antionette, widow of S. B. Brown; Henry, deceased; Ferdinand, a resident of Sumnerville, Kansas; Catherine, a resident of Wellsburg, New York, and James V., who resides at Silverton, Colorado. The mother died, and he married for his second wife Lucy M. Dyke, who bore him two children, viz: Orpha, deceased, and Kenyon. His second wife died May 13, 1873, aged thirty-six years. In 1840 Dr. Kilbourn came to Tioga county and settled in Covington, from which time until his death, November 26, 1886, he continued the practice of his profession. During this period he lived alternately at Covington and Blossburg, the last twenty years of his life being spent in the latter town. He traveled throughout the eastern part of Tioga county, where he is held in loving remembrance. He also practiced at Fall Brook, and for many years was the leading physician in that portion of the Tioga valley. Dr. Kilbourn was descended from one of the oldest families of New England, and brought with him to Tioga county a musket used by one of his ancestors in a desperate fight with Indians at Walpole, Connecticut, in 1755. It measured from muzzle to shoulder-guard five feet eleven inches, and carried an ounce ball. Dr. Kilbourn was a great story teller, and somewhat eccentric, but was respected by all who knew him.

KENYON KILBOURN, only son of Dr. Henry and Lucy M. (Dyke) Kilbourn, was born in Covington, Tioga county, June 1, 1862, and received a common school education. After leaving school he worked for a time on the coal chute at Arnot, and later as a brakeman on the Tioga railroad. In the spring of 1885 he was employed in the freight office at Blossburg, remaining until March, 1888, when he secured his present position as weighmaster for the Erie Railroad Company, his duties being to weigh the coal mined at Arnot and Landrus. The position is one of much responsibility, but during the past eight years he has proven himself

faithful and efficient. Mr. Kilbourn was married July 19, 1885, to Elnora N. Fulkerson, a daughter of Enoch and Mary Ann Fulkerson, of Blossburg, and has four children: Edna K., John M., Cora B. and an infant son. In politics, he is a Republican, and is recognized as an enterprising citizen.

LUTHER JOHNSON was born in Vermont, in 1790. In 1812 his parents came to Tioga county, and settled on a farm near Wellsboro, in Charleston township. Here he grew to manhood and married Zilpha Shumway, born June 11, 1796, a daughter of Peter Shumway, to which union eight children were born, as follows: Silas, Eli, and Jacob, deceased; Sarah, wife of Elmer Bacon, of Nebraska; Moses and Luther W., deceased; Lydia, wife of Curtis Culver, of Middlebury, Tioga county, and Alonzo, a farmer residing in Wellsboro. Mr. Johnson died October 17, 1849; his widow survived him until February 17, 1877, dying at the age of eighty-one years.

DR. LUTHER W. JOHNSON, son of Luther and Zilpha (Shumway) Johnson, was born in Wellsboro, May 4, 1833. His early education was acquired in the Wellsboro Academy, from which he graduated in 1852. He next took a course in the classical and medical department of the State University at Ann Arbor, Michigan, graduating in 1856. In 1857 he began the practice of medicine in Liberty, Tioga county. He continued the practice of his profession at that place until 1883, when he removed to Blossburg, where he practiced without interruption until his death, June 29, 1896. He was one of the oldest physicians in years of practice in Tioga county. He was formerly a member and one of the organizers of the Tioga County Medical Society. Dr. Johnson was married June 7, 1858, at Wellsboro, to Mary C. Mathers, a daughter of John Mathers. To this union were born the following children: Edward W.; Nettie V., wife of Dr. U. G. Beck, of Elmira, New York; Helen E., wife of Edward Saks, of Milton, Pennsylvania, and Gracie. Dr. Johnson was a life-long Democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In addition to his extensive practice he also conducted a drug store. He was recognized as an able and experienced practitioner and as one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Blossburg.

JOHN COOK was born at Stockton-on-Tees, County of Durham, England, January 24, 1831, and is a son of Isaac and Ellen (Roe) Cook. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom six grew to manhood and womanhood, viz: Elizabeth, deceased wife of Phineas Harrington; Isaac, deceased; Janè, wife of Joseph Baker, deceased; John, the subject of this sketch; Hannah, wife of George Watson, and William, who died at Morris, Tioga county, in September, 1892. John came to Pennsylvania in 1847, and spent a few months in Reading, locating at Blossburg, Tioga county, April 5, 1848. He had learned the bricklayer's and plasterer's trades in England, and followed the same after coming to Pennsylvania. He also worked in the coal mines at Arnot, Barkley, Fall Brook and Morris Run for about six years; but his trade has been his life vocation, and he has worked on a majority of the buildings erected in Blossburg since 1848. Mr. Cook was married May 24, 1851, to Mary Harris, a daughter of Rev. Henry Harris, a native of Habersham, Monmouthshire, Wales, who came to Pennsylvania in 1837, resided for a time in Minersville, and then located in Blossburg, Tioga county. He afterward went to Providence, Rhode Island, to work, and was fatally injured by a boiler ex-

plosion, living but a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are the parents of eight children, viz: William H., Isaac Herbert, deceased; Phoebe Ellen, widow of David Botchford; Hannah Mary, wife of James S. Kirkwood; Isaac Herbert (2nd), George Edward, Alice Jane, deceased, and Elizabeth Jane, wife of Henry H. Reese. In politics, Mr. Cook is a Prohibitionist, has served as treasurer of the borough for several years, also as judge and inspector of elections, and is now serving a second term as justice of the peace. For a number of years he has been a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for ten years or more superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is one of the oldest citizens of Blossburg, and has lived a life of quiet industry. A man of high moral character and deep religious convictions, he has exemplified his principles and his belief in his daily life, winning thereby the respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

JOHN LAWRENCE SEXTON was born in Veteran township, Chemung county, New York, July 13, 1830, a son of John Lawrence and Hannah (Kenyon) Sexton. He is a descendant of one of the oldest Scotch-Irish families of the United States, his paternal ancestor having located in the valley of the Connecticut in 1637. His grandfather, Elijah Sexton, was a soldier in the French and Indian War and an officer in the Continental army. When John L. was quite young his parents removed to Big Flats township, Chemung county, New York, where his father purchased 700 acres of white pine timber land, erected saw-mills and engaged in lumbering. Young Sexton was reared on the farm, was principally educated at the fireside and in the common schools, but received special training in elocution, logic and rhetoric. Before he was twenty years of age he had read Blackstone, Kent, Storey and Marshall and the standard English poets, and had mastered "Town's Analysis of the English Language." On May 28, 1851, he married Grace Adelaide Patterson, a grand-daughter of Robert Patterson, a Revolutionary soldier, and a daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Jones) Patterson, of Lindley, Steuben county, New York. For ten years thereafter he pursued farming and lumbering, in the meantime serving six years as superintendent of township schools of Big Flats, and several years as deputy United States marshal. Meeting with reverses, through the failure of the Bank of Corning, he came to Fall Brook, Tioga county, and was employed by Hon. John Magee, first as a laborer in the forest and subsequently as store clerk, weighmaster and shipper of coal. He also filled the offices of assessor, school director, justice of the peace, burgess and principal of the public schools, receiving provisional, professional and a permanent certificate from the school department of Pennsylvania, as a teacher. In 1875 Mr. Sexton was selected by Gen. William McCandless as clerk to assist in organizing the bureau of labor and industrial statistics of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, and almost the entire labor of formulating, classifying and arranging the details of the bureau devolved upon him. At the close of his four years' term he returned to Tioga county, located at Blossburg, and established the Blossburg *Industrial Register*, which he continued to publish for two years. The next five years he devoted to literary pursuits, during which time he wrote the histories of Tioga and Bradford counties, Pennsylvania, and Steuben, Chemung, Tioga and Schuyler counties, New York; "The White Slaves of Monopolies," "Uncle Jonas Lawrence's Letters," and numerous articles for the *Sunday*

Telegram of Elmira, the New York Sun, the Harrisburg Patriot and other newspapers.

In December, 1885, his son, Benjamin P. Sexton, established the *Blossburg Advertiser*, of which the subject of this sketch is business manager and a general contributor to its columns. Under Mr. Sexton's management the *Advertiser* has attained a large circulation, and it wields a strong influence throughout the Blossburg coal region. Mr. Sexton is a fearless and able writer, and has delivered many public addresses, among them the Centennial address in the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, July 4, 1876, on the progress and development of Pennsylvania for 100 years; two Centennial addresses at Painted Post, New York; an address at the unveiling of the monument erected to the memory of William Mapes, a Revolutionary soldier, by the counties of Steuben and Chemung, at Big Flats, in August, 1873; the Centennial address on the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons, and the Centennial address at the Polish celebration in Blossburg, May 3, 1891. Mr. Sexton is a member of the Dauphin County Historical Society, of Harrisburg; an honorary member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and is well versed in the history of the State, and well acquainted with its geological formations and its varied mining, manufacturing, agricultural, railroad and industrial interests generally. Mr. Sexton's family consists of his wife, Grace Adelaide, three sons and four daughters, viz: Samuel M., Benjamin Patterson, John Lawrence, Grace Adelaide, Mary B., wife of Levi Plummer, of Findlay, Ohio; Jane P. and Susie T.

JACOB B. MERRICK was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1825, a son of Isaac Merrick, and grandson of Israel Merrick, Sr., and obtained a common school education. Upon arriving at manhood he adopted dentistry as his profession, and resided and practiced at different times in Charleston township, Tioga county; Troy, Bradford county; Blossburg and Mansfield, Tioga county, and in Elmira, New York. He removed from the latter place to Mansfield in 1875, and made it the place of his residence until his death, March 1, 1878. Dr. Merrick married Lucy A. Burns, a native of Oppingham, Fulton county, New York, to which union were born three children, viz: A. R., a dentist of Millerton, Tioga county; D. O., a dentist of Blossburg, and Walter T., attorney-at-law of the same borough. On December 5, 1883, Mrs. Merrick married for her second husband, Rev. Hiram Short, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside in Blossburg.

MICHAEL KELLY was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1832. He came to the United States in 1853 and located in Gibson, Steuben county, New York, at which place he resided for three years. In 1856 he removed to Gang Mills, in the same county, where he remained two years, and then located in Corning. Here he embarked in the grocery business, which he carried on in that city up to 1866. In June of that year he came to Blossburg, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and bought the building then owned by Daniel Williams, formerly occupied by the store of the Arbon Coal Company, in which he opened a grocery. He continued in business until 1870, when owing to failing health his wife took charge of the store, which she still carries on under the name of Mrs. M. Kelly. It is now the oldest business house in the borough. Mr. Kelly was married August 10, 1856, to Bridget Healy,

a native of County Kerry, Ireland, to which union were born ten children, as follows: John W., Mary A., widow of James Kirwan, of Blossburg; Johanna E., Michael F., who married Mary Downs, daughter of William and Mary (Diggins) Downs, of Washington, D. C., and has two children, William D. and Walter L.; Bridget and Kate, twins; Thomas F. and Peter D., both deceased, and two that died in infancy. Mr. Kelly died December 19, 1888. In politics, he was a Democrat, and in religion, a member of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church of Blossburg, to which his widow and children belong. John W. has served one term in the borough council. He is an adherent of the Republican party, a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Total Abstinence Society, and is regarded as one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of the borough.

DAVID R. EVANS, son of Richard A. and Mary Evans, was born in Capcoch, South Wales, February 28, 1859. His parents immigrated to Pennsylvania, and located in Morris Run, Tioga county, in December, 1870, where his father mined coal until 1874, when he moved to Round Top, where he still resides. The subject of this sketch is the fourth of six children, named as follows: Mary Ann, wife of Daniel Griffiths, of Antrim; Evan R., of Blossburg; John E., of Antrim; David R., of Blossburg; Catherine, wife of Robert Carpenter, of Antrim, and Elizabeth Jane, wife of Arthur Bowen, of Round Top. At the age of eight years David R. entered a tea store in Wales, remaining there until the family came to the United States. He worked five years in the mines at Morris Run, and in 1876 began clerking in the store of the Fall Brook Coal Company, at Antrim. In 1879 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, was there employed for a year as a salesman, and later worked two years in a rolling mill. In 1882 he returned to Antrim, re-entered the service of the Fall Brook Coal Company, was employed three months exploring for coal, and was then given the position of boss mule driver in the mines. This he filled for several years, and then resumed mining. He next was employed as a traveling salesman for the Grand Union Tea Company. In 1889, in connection with J. J. Mills, he bought out the tea, crockery and glassware firm of Hyde & Cowley, of Blossburg. The business was carried on under the firm name of Evans & Mills until 1890, when it was consolidated with that of Daniels & Newport. In October, 1894, Mr. Evans bought out Mr. Daniels' interest, and has since conducted the business in his own name. October 16, 1879, he married Jane Davis, a daughter of John and Ann Davis, of Cherry Flats, Tioga county, to which union have been born six children, viz: Gwennie, Mary, deceased; Annie, Jane Victoria, deceased; Ethel, deceased, and Rena. In politics, Mr. Evans is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Welsh Congregational church. He is also connected with Blossburg Lodge, No. 167, K. of H.

MATTHEW C. BLAIR, merchant tailor, was born in Cumbernauld, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, June 2, 1841, and is one of nine children born to James and Mary (Crawford) Blair. The other members of the family are as follows: Eliza, wife of John Russell, a resident of Scotland; Marian, wife of Alexander Allen, a resident of the same land; James, who resides in Anita, Pennsylvania; William and John, both residents of Scotland; Mary, wife of a Mr. Murray, of Scotland; Janet, wife of James Wiley, of Liberty township, Tioga county, and Jennie, who lives in Scotland. Mr. Blair's father came to Arnot, Tioga county, in 1873, worked in the coal mines for a

few years, and then returned to Scotland, where he died in 1878. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, and served an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade in Scotland. In June, 1869, he immigrated to Pennsylvania, and located in Arnot, Tioga county. He worked in the mines for thirteen years and later at his trade in Arnot for eight years. In 1890 he came to Blossburg and opened a merchant tailor's establishment over Roberts' store. In the spring of 1891 he moved further south on the same street, renting for a year and then purchasing the building. Here he remained until the fall of 1895, when he removed to the building previously occupied by H. H. Roberts. He carried on merchant tailoring exclusively until 1894, when he added ready-made clothing, hats, caps and furnishing goods. Mr. Blair was married December 31, 1861, to Susan Arthur, a daughter of John and Susan (Carrick) Arthur, of Cumbernauld, Scotland. Fourteen children have been born to this union, all of whom are living, viz: James, Kate, wife of John Hutchinson, of Houtzdale; Mary, wife of N. R. Mitchell, of Blossburg; Susan, Eliza, Elizabeth, Marion, John, Agnes, Janet, Jennie, Ada and Emma, twins, and Matthew. In politics, Mr. Blair is independent, and in religion, a member of the Church of Christ at Arnot. By unremitting industry and prudence, Mr. Blair has not only reared and educated his large family, but has built up a profitable and growing business. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen, and has achieved a well-earned reputation for honesty, industry and integrity.

ANDREW ANDERSON, merchant tailor, was born in Dolsland, Sweden, January 25, 1859, and is a son of Andrew and Cagsa Anderson. He learned the tailoring trade in his youth, and in June, 1881, immigrated to Pennsylvania, remaining a short time in Antrim, Tioga county. He then came to Blossburg and worked for L. Meyers until 1886, when he started in business for himself in the Odd Fellows' Hall block. In 1887 he removed to his present location. He has two brothers in this country, Eric, a coal miner at Antrim, and Frank, employed in the tailor shop. His father died in 1878, aged fifty-three years. His mother is still living in Sweden. Mr. Anderson was married in October, 1882, to Annie Carlson, a native of Sweden, to which union two children were born, viz: Kate and Gustav. Mrs. Anderson died December 25, 1884. On August 15, 1887, he married Mary N. Hyland, a daughter of Joseph Hyland, of Blossburg, and has three children by this marriage, as follows: Ruth, Arthur and DeSeales. In politics, Mr. Anderson is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Lutheran church. He is also connected with Blossburg Lodge, No. 167, K. of H. He is popular both as a business man and citizen, and during the years he has been in business for himself as a merchant tailor, has built up a profitable trade.

WILLIAM R. LOGAN was born February 9, 1849, and in 1857 came with his parents, Robert and Barbara (Shaw) Logan, to Morris Run, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. His father was a coal miner and worked in the mines at Morris Run, Fall Brook and Arnot, until 1875, when he removed to Jackson township, where he followed farming until his death, September 15, 1884, at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow died March 23, 1895, aged seventy-three years. William R. was one of fourteen children, viz: James, who enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was killed at Gettysburg; Alexander, a chute foreman at Arnot; Robert, manager of Bell & Lewis' stores, Dubois, Penn-

sylvania; John S., an engineer on the Northern Central railroad, who resides in Elmira; Sarah, deceased wife of James Stevenson, of Cherry Flats, Tioga county; William R., of Blossburg; Margaret R., wife of John E. Brown, of Covington; Jacob, who died in October, 1881; Charles S., a physician of Arnot; Barbara, deceased wife of E. J. Payne, of Jackson Summit, Tioga county; Jennie R., a resident of Blossburg; Agnes N., a school teacher of Arnot; David Y., a farmer at Jackson Summit, and Lizzie W., who died November 14, 1895. From 1860 to 1871, Mr. Logan worked in the mines, but in the latter year he entered the store of the Blossburg Coal Company as a clerk, and continued in the employ of their successors, W. W. Bradbury, and the W. W. Bradbury Company, until January, 1897, when he located in Blossburg and there opened a grocery store, which he has since carried on. His long experience in Arnot has given him a thorough knowledge of the business, which will prove valuable to him in his new field of effort. On October 24, 1872, he married Elizabeth Prethero, a daughter of Charles and Ann Prethero, of Morris Run. To this union have been born six children, viz: Robert E., a book-keeper in the office of the Blossburg Coal Company, at Arnot; M. Gertrude, William R., deceased; Charles P., deceased; James R., and Laura M., deceased. In politics, Mr. Logan is a Republican. He served as justice of the peace from 1889 to 1894, and has filled the various township offices. In religion, he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is also connected with the K. of P., of Arnot.

ISRAEL BIDDLE was born in Canton, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1838, and is the third in a family of eight children, born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Headley) Biddle. His brothers and sisters are named as follows: Martha, deceased; Wallace, a resident of Blossburg; Euphema, wife of Alfred J. Conklin; Fidelo and Almerian, residents of Canton; Hettie, deceased, and Silas, also a resident of Canton. The parents were natives of Montour county, Pennsylvania, and removed to Bradford county early in the thirties, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Israel was reared on a farm and obtained a common school education. He learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until the breaking out of the war. In April, 1861, in response to President Lincoln's first call, he volunteered, but the quota being full his company was not accepted. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, was mustered in as first corporal, and participated in the engagements of Ball's Bluff, Big Bethel, Strausburg, Siege of Yorktown, New Kent Court House, Fair Oaks, Seven Days' Fight before Richmond, and Malvern Hill. While building an observatory or lookout, at Yorktown, he had three ribs broken by falling timbers dislodged by shells from the rebel batteries. While engaged on the skirmish line at Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862, his blanket, which was rolled up on his shoulders, was riddled with bullets, and a ball was imbedded in an ambrotype in his pocket, a likeness of the woman who became his wife. He was honorably discharged November 10, 1862, by reason of sickness arising from his injured side. In June, 1863, he responded to the call for Emergency Men, and enlisted in Company C, Thirtieth Pennsylvania Militia. He was made orderly sergeant of his company, and on June 25, 1863, he was promoted to second lieutenant. He was discharged with his command, July 26, following. His brother, Wallace, served in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was severely wounded at

Antietam; while his brother Fidelo was a member of Company D, One Hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and his brother Almerian, of Company C, Thirtieth Pennsylvania Militia. The two latter re-enlisted in Company D, Fiftieth New York Engineers. Mr. Biddle was married September 3, 1863, to Adelia Denmark, a daughter of Jesse D. and Emeline Denmark, of Ward township, Tioga county. Seven children have been born to this union, viz: Elmer E., a resident of Kane, McKean county; Ina E., wife of Isaac H. Cook, of Blossburg; Bert J., Jesse D., Frank I., Elizabeth and Anna. After leaving the army Mr. Biddle returned to Canton and resumed work at his trade. In 1871 he removed to Ogdensburg, Tioga county, and in 1876 settled in Blossburg, where for the past twenty years he has worked as a carpenter. In politics, he is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has held the office of P. C. of Brown Post, No. 171, G. A. R., of Blossburg, for seven successive terms, excepting the year 1894.

PATRICK DWYER was born and reared in County Tipperary, Ireland, and there married Mary Ryan, a native of the same county. In 1852 he came to Pennsylvania and settled at Blossburg, Tioga county, where he worked as a laborer. When the coal mines were opened up at Morris Run he removed there, remaining four years. He next found employment in the construction of the railroad from Blossburg to Fall Brook, settling in the latter place upon its completion, and died in that borough, March 8, 1888, aged sixty-six years. His widow makes her home with her son-in-law, M. S. Murray, of Blossburg. She is seventy-two years of age. They were the parents of six children, viz: John F., of Antrim; Edward P., who died September 19, 1882; Norah, wife of M. S. Murray, of Blossburg; Michael, a resident of Antrim; Mary, wife of Thomas Howe, of Fall Brook, and Bridget, a resident of Blossburg. In religion, the family are adherents of the Catholic church, and in politics, supporters of the Democratic party.

JOHN F. DWYER, eldest son of Patrick and Mary Dwyer, was born in Morris Run, Tioga county, November 6, 1854. He attended the village school until ten years of age, when he commenced working in the mines at Fall Brook. In September, 1879, he went to Corning, New York, and found employment as a brakeman until July, 1880, when he returned to Fall Brook and had charge of the shipping of coal for the Fall Brook Coal Company until April 1, 1881. On that date he took charge of the Fall Brook Hotel, which he managed up to May 1, 1888. He then removed to Antrim, where he has since conducted the Antrim Hotel, and is a successful and popular landlord. Mr. Dwyer was married June 3, 1879, to Catherine Kain, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Kain, of Painted Post, New York, who has borne him seven children, as follows: John F., Edward P., who died August 19, 1893; James K., Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph (twins), and Paul. In politics, Mr. Dwyer is a stanch Democrat, and is regarded as one of the leading members of his party in the county. He is a member of the county committee, and in 1896 was one of the Democratic congressional conferees. In religion, he is a member of the Catholic church, and is connected with Division No. 2, A. O. H. He is essentially a self-educated and self-made man, and owes his business success to untiring effort and strict integrity.

M. S. MURRAY, proprietor of the Seymour House, Blossburg, was born in County

Waterford, Ireland, May 15, 1858, and is a son of Patrick and Catherine (Shannahan) Murray. He is the second in a family of six children, named as follows: John, a resident of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania; M. S., of Blossburg; Mary, wife of M. J. Coyne, a resident of Wisconsin; William, an engineer on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad; Maggie, wife of William Daley, of Detroit, Michigan, and Patrick, who died October 23, 1896. In April, 1864, the family immigrated to Poughkeepsie, New York, whence they removed two years later to Barclay, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, remaining there until 1887. They then located in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where the father died in February, 1893, and where the mother is still living. The subject of this sketch was married September 28, 1882, to Norah Dwyer, a daughter of Patrick and Mary Dwyer, and has a family of five children, viz: Mary, Edward, John, Genevieve and Francis. Mr. Murray began working in the mines when twelve years of age. In 1883 he became a clerk in the Fall Brook Company's store, and in 1887 took charge of the Fall Brook Hotel, which he managed successfully until January, 1895, when he leased the Seymour House, at Blossburg, and since taking charge of the latter has largely increased its patronage and proven himself a popular landlord. In politics, Mr. Murray is a stanch Democrat, and in religion, a member of St. Andrews' Catholic church, of Blossburg. He is a prominent member of the A. O. H., has served several years as county president, and in 1896 was elected state vice-president of that order. As a business man, he is energetic and enterprising, and as a citizen, public-spirited and progressive.

WILLIAM F. O'DONNELL, son of Richard and Mary O'Donnell, was born in Clare county, Ireland, April 10, 1845. His parents came to America in the spring of 1854, and settled near Ralston, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. In 1856 his father purchased a farm near Canton, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, which he cultivated for over thirty years. He died February 17, 1890, aged ninety-one years, and his wife in February, 1885, aged eighty-five years. The subject of this sketch is one of nine children, of whom but two beside himself are living, viz: Mary, widow of Daniel Downes, residing in Canton, Bradford county, and Richard, a farmer of Union township, Tioga county. Mr. O'Donnell received a common school education in his youth. At the age of fifteen he went to Fall Brook and secured employment as a woodsman. He afterwards secured the position of superintendent of mule drivers in and about the mines at that place, filling it from 1872 to 1885. For the next three years he was engaged in supplying and conducting a meat market in Fall Brook. In August, 1888, he came to Blossburg, and bought the Yonkin House, previously run by Joseph Yonkin. He changed the name to the O'Donnell House, and carried it on until April, 1895. He then removed to Canton, intending to embark in business. In April, 1896, he returned to Blossburg, purchased the Murray House, and changed its name to the O'Donnell House. This he has since successfully conducted. Mr. O'Donnell was married June 5, 1864, to Catherine O'Donnell, a daughter of John and Nora O'Donnell, to which union nine children have been born, viz: Mary J., deceased; Margaret, Catherine, Elizabeth, Richard, Willie, deceased; John, William F., and one died in infancy. In politics, Mr. O'Donnell is an independent, and while in Fall Brook he served as tax collector, school director and secretary of the school board. Mr. O'Donnell and family are

members of the Catholic church. He is a member of the C. K. of A. and of the A. O. H., and is looked upon as one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Blossburg.

J. D. CONNERS, son of J. D. and Mary (Sullivan) Connors, was born in Wayland, Steuben county, New York. He received a common school education and when sixteen years of age left home and went to Morris Run, where he was employed in a meat market, continuing there until 1892, when he removed to Blossburg, and embarked in the wholesale liquor business, which he still carries on. He was married September 22, 1890, to Anna Fogarty, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Blake) Fogarty, to which union one child, May, has been born. In politics, Mr. Connors is a Republican, and in religion, a Catholic. He is a member of the A. O. H. While a resident of Morris Run he filled the office of auditor. He has one brother, D. J., a farmer living near Curtis, New York. His mother died in 1877, and his father in November, 1892.

FRANK D. ANDREWS was born in Wyoming county, New York, February 18, 1835. He came to Blossburg, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1871, and engaged in the wholesale liquor business, which he has continued up to the present time. He has ever taken an interest in the prosperity of the borough, and has done much to promote its general welfare. He has been elected burgess of Blossburg four times, and his previous terms were most successful in all the departments coming under his jurisdiction. The streets were permanently improved, the cross walks and culverts made of stone, the fire department well-equipped, the debt of the borough reduced and its affairs placed on an economical and business basis. The subject of water works had been agitated from time to time, without accomplishing the desired purpose. Failing to enlist the council and the people in the enterprise of putting in water works on their own account, Mr. Andrews was largely instrumental in enlisting capital from another locality to accomplish the work, thus protecting, to a large extent, the property of citizens from destructive fires and giving the people an opportunity of securing pure water for drinking and culinary purposes. Mr. Andrews is now filling his fourth term as burgess. He is a public-spirited citizen, and highly respected for his integrity of purpose and for his interest in the public good.

FRANCIS LOUIS VIEL was born in France, about the year 1815, and, while yet a young man, removed to the Isle of Jersey, where he married Duce LeHuquet, who bore him five children, viz: Mary Ann, wife of B. Vasein, of Blossburg; Ann, wife of Mr. Lamare, a resident of France; Francis A., of Blossburg; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Russell, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Jane, wife of Peter Bruielly, of Blossburg. Mr. Viel, who was a contractor and builder, came to the United States in 1881, and made his home with his son, Francis A., of Blossburg, Tioga county, until his death. He died March 10, 1886, and his wife, in 1884.

FRANCIS A. VIEL, only son of Francis Louis Viel, was born on the Isle of Jersey, August 23, 1847. He received a common school education, and served an apprenticeship to the mason's trade. Coming to Pennsylvania in 1873, he located in Blossburg, Tioga county, where he followed contracting and building until December, 1894, when he bought out the hardware and tin-smithing establishment of Miller & Russell. Mr. Viel was married January 1, 1867, in the Isle of Jersey, to

Ann LeVesconte, to which union there have been born four children, viz: Anna, deceased; Florence, wife of William Besanceney, of Blossburg; Francis, and Annie. Mr. Viel is a stanch Democrat, and has filled the office of borough assessor. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and is also connected with the Masonic and Odd Fellows' societies. He carried on a general hardware and tin-smithing business up to November, 1896, and is now engaged in contracting and building.

ALBERT BEUTER, son of Frederick and Lena (Plank) Beuter, was born May 21, 1861, in Liberty township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Two brothers, William and Henry, and one sister, Ethel, as well as his father and mother, reside in Charleston township; while one brother, Perry, and a sister, Laura, are dead. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and received a common school education. In 1889 he went to Mansfield and worked in the saw-mill of Wilson Day. In 1891 he came to Blossburg, and makes teaming his occupation, devoting himself principally to delivering coal from the mine of Golden Brothers. Mr. Beuter was married in March, 1885, to Anna Clemens, a daughter of Nicholas Clemens, of Charleston township, Tioga county. They have three children: Harry, Lawrence and Frederick. In politics, Mr. Beuter is a Democrat.

NICHOLAS SCHULTZ, son of Andrew and Margaret (Zimmer) Schultz, was born in Prussia, Germany, January 18, 1844, and is the oldest of three children, born to the first marriage of his father, his brother John, an engineer in the *Staat-Zeitung* building, in Chicago, and himself being the only survivors. His mother died in Germany in 1851, and his father married Theresa Vietchie, a native of Baden, Germany. Jasper, the first-born of this union, and Jacob, the second, are residents of Cohocton, Steuben county, New York. Mr. Schultz came to the United States in 1850, and located in Syracuse, New York, where he was joined by his sons, John and Nicholas, who came from Germany with an uncle, a few years later. In 1861 the parents moved to Cohocton, where they still reside, the father being seventy-nine years of age. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, and began life for himself as a farm hand in Herkimer county, New York, where he worked for two years. He then found employment one year with the Onondaga Salt Company, and later was a watchman for Stiles Rust, of Syracuse, two years. He then entered the employ of Franklin N. Drake, of Cohocton, remaining there until 1866, when Mr. Drake transferred him to Arnot, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where the coal mines were then being opened up. At the time Mr. Schultz located in Arnot there were but three houses in the place. He went to work in the saw-mill as head sawyer and saw setter, continuing there for three years, when he was given the position of saw filer, which he filled until 1881, when he was made outside foreman of the mills at Arnot, a position he has since filled in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Schultz was married in July, 1869, to Margaret Muntz, a daughter of John Muntz, of Cohocton, New York, and is the father of seven children, named as follows: John, a resident of Cohocton; Margaret, deceased; Frank, Flora, wife of James Creighton, of Arnot; William, Nora, deceased, and Ray. In politics, Mr. Schultz is a Democrat, and in religion, a member of the Catholic church, of Arnot. He is also a member of the Father Matthew Branch of the C. K. of A., of Blossburg.

MATTHEW A. BLAIR, son of Walter and Elizabeth (Allen) Blair, was born in Cumbernauld, Scotland, March 13, 1855, and is one of eight children, three of whom are living. James, the fourth born, is a physician in Groton, New York, and Walter, the youngest, is a clerk in the employ of the Blossburg Coal Company at Arnot, Tioga county. The others died in early youth. In 1869, Matthew A. and his father came to Pennsylvania and settled in Arnot, Tioga county, where they found employment in the mines. In 1870 his mother, with the remainder of the family, joined them. His father died in October, 1876, aged forty-five years, but his mother is still living. Mr. Blair received a common school education in Scotland. At eleven years of age he went to work in the mines, and followed coal mining until September, 1884, when he entered the store of the Blossburg Coal Company, in Arnot, as a clerk, which position he filled until 1888. He was then placed in charge of the company's store at Landrus, where he remained until August, 1893, when he returned to Arnot, and, with Mack Scudder, took charge as manager of the stores of the W. W. Bradbury Company. Mr. Blair was married January 11, 1884, to Nettie Mitchell, daughter of James G. and Mary Mitchell, of Arnot, to which union have been born five children, viz: Walter, James, Nellie, Ethel and Mary. In politics, Mr. Blair is a Republican. During his residence in Landrus he served as postmaster, and also filled the offices of town clerk and school director. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and also of Bloss Lodge, No. 350, F. & A. M., and of Arbon Lodge, No. 489, I. O. O. F. As the result of a practical experience of nearly thirty years, Mr. Blair is thoroughly acquainted with all the details of coal mining, and by industry and an intelligent discharge of the responsible duties of his various positions, has merited his successive promotions.

D. C. WATERS, physician and surgeon, was born in Cortland county, New York, April 26, 1842, and is a son of Aretus and Caroline Waters. His parents had a family of twelve children, named as follows: Eunice and Sarah, both of whom died in infancy; Alexander, a resident of Cortland county, New York; Merton, who died May 22, 1894; Albertus, a resident of Nebraska; Oscar, who resides at Lansing, Michigan; Orson, who lives in Truxton, New York; Alvah D., who died May 21, 1870; Henry, a resident of Cuyler, New York; D. C., a physician of Arnot; George, who lives in Australia, and Emily, wife of James Blanchard, of Baltimore, Maryland. The father died November 17, 1869, aged eighty-seven years, and the mother, May 30, 1876, aged eighty-seven years. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools and at the State Normal School, Cortland, New York. In the winter of 1859-60 he attended lectures at the Medical College, Georgetown, D. C. On May 9, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Twelfth New York Volunteers, and on December 9, of the same year, he was transferred to Mt. Pleasant Hospital, Washington, D. C., where he filled the position of hospital steward until August 1, 1862, when he joined Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh New York Volunteers. The following December he was again transferred to Mt. Pleasant Hospital, where he filled the position of acting assistant surgeon until discharged, August 28, 1865. He soon after resumed his medical studies, and attended Georgetown College, from which he graduated March 4, 1867. Sixteen days later he began practice in Scott, Cortland county, New York, where he continued until November 21, 1870, when he removed to Arnot, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he has

since resided and practiced medicine. Dr. Waters was married November 1, 1868, at Knoxville, Tioga county, to Miss Sue Brown, a daughter of Rev. J. W. Brown. They are the parents of the following children: Nellie, wife of Seth Palmer, of Baltimore, Maryland; Blanche, who died October 23, 1890; John W., Montgomery, Gladys and Happy, all of whom are dead. In politics, Dr. Waters is a Republican, and is now serving his fifth term as justice of the peace. He has also filled the office of school director. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is connected with the K. of P., of Arnot; Bloss Lodge, No. 350, F. & A. M.; Winter-view Castle, No. 220, K. of G. E., of Arnot, and Brown Post, G. A. R., of Blossburg. Dr. Waters has built up a good practice and ranks among the skillful physicians of the county. He enjoys the respect and esteem of the people of Arnot, among whom he has lived and practiced his profession for a quarter of a century.

J. W. JACKSON, son of Charles and Elizabeth Jackson, was born in Cornwall, England, September 17, 1859. In 1868 his parents came to Pennsylvania and settled in Burlington, Bradford county, remaining there until 1870, when they removed to Blossburg, Tioga county, where they now reside. The subject of this sketch is the eldest of four brothers. Charles E., resides in Binghamton, New York; David R., in Elmira, and Alfred T., in Blossburg. Mr. Jackson received a common school education, and learned the trade of a painter and paper hanger, under his father. He later entered the drug store of Dr. Williams, of Blossburg, and remained with him and his successor, Stewart Brothers, between one and two years. He also clerked in the drug store of Ingram & Palmer and their successors for several years. In 1880 he embarked in the drug business for himself, in the store now occupied by Schofield & Babcock, of Blossburg. He next went to Springfield, Illinois, where he followed painting until 1882, then returned to Blossburg, and bought out Stincoman & Company, painters and paper hangers. In 1884 he took charge of the drug store of the late Stephen Bowen, remaining until February, 1886, when he went to Arnot to take charge of the drug department of the Blossburg Coal Company's store, now the store of the W. W. Bradbury Company, which position he has since occupied, and has discharged the duties thereof in a capable and efficient manner. Mr. Jackson was married April 9, 1883, to Minnie M. George, a daughter of Griffith George, of Springfield, Illinois, to which union have been born four children, viz: Percy H., Roy W., Edward G. and Alfred J. In politics, Mr. Jackson is a Republican, and has served as a member and treasurer of the school board. He is P. N. G. of Arbon Lodge, No. 489, I. O. O. F. of Blossburg; also P. H. P. of Enterprise Encampment, and a member of Bloss Lodge, No. 350, F. & A. M., of the same place.

FRANK H. WELCH, son of Jefferson and Lucy Ann (Palmer) Welch, was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1852, and is a descendant of pioneer families of the county. He is one of eight children, his brothers and sisters being named as follows: Jane, deceased wife of Horace Scott; Mary, wife of Horace Welch, of Windfall, Bradford county; Stephen, Lanson and Charles, all deceased; Bert, a resident of Blossburg, and Willis, who resides in Mansfield. The father died in April, 1889, in his sixty-ninth year. His widow, who was born November 25, 1821, resides near Mansfield, Tioga county. Frank H. was reared in Sullivan township and attended the common schools of his district. He remained

on the farm until he was twenty-four years of age, when he entered the employ of the Blossburg Coal Company, as a woodsman, and later clerked in the company's store at Arnot. In 1889 he took charge of the Arnot Hotel, and in September, 1892, bought out the livery stable and undertaking business at that place, both of which he now carries on in connection with his hotel. Mr. Welsh was married December 13, 1876, to Anna E. Months, a daughter of John Months, and a native of Danville, New York, who bore him one son, Clyde. She died November 7, 1896, aged forty-seven years. In politics, Mr. Welch is a Democrat, and is a member of the K. of P., of Arnot, and of Arbon Lodge, No. 489, I. O. O. F., of Blossburg; also of Enterprise Encampment. Mr. Welch is a genial, affable gentleman, and is well liked both as a business man and a citizen.

GEORGE WATSON, son of Peter and Catherine (Rogers) Watson, was born in Middleton, Orange county, New York, May 27, 1852, and is the oldest of six children, the other members being as follows: Maggie, wife of Elias Schultz, of Avoca, New York; Kate, deceased; Andrew, a resident of Sayre, Pennsylvania; Agnes, who resides with her mother in Waverly, New York, and Peter, a conductor on the Lehigh Valley railroad, who resides in Sayre. The father died February 20, 1867. Mr. Watson has followed lumbering since arriving at manhood. In 1883 he came to Arnot, Tioga county, and entered the employ of the Blossburg Coal Company. Two years later he was made foreman of the company's saw-mill at Landrus, a position he has since filled. On October 8, 1873, Mr. Watson was married to Annie Clark, a daughter of Patrick Clark, of Addison, New York, to which union have been born nine children, viz: John, Peter, Edward, Mary, Albert, Bessie, George, Nellie and Curtis. In politics, Mr. Watson is a Democrat, and has served as township supervisor one term. He has also represented his party as a delegate to county conventions. In religion, he is a member of the Catholic church. Years of experience in the woods and in the mill, have given Mr. Watson a thorough knowledge of the lumber business, and has thoroughly equipped him for the discharge of the duties of his present position. He has proven himself capable and competent, and is popular with the men associated with him.

MACK SCUDDER was born in Prattsville, Greene county, New York, May 22, 1842. His parents, Daniel and Irene (Tole) Scudder, were natives of Delaware county, New York. In 1848 the family removed to Equinunk, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, where his father built a tannery, which he operated until 1859, and then removed to Middlebury Center, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. In 1863 he settled in Elmira, New York, where he died in March, 1886, aged seventy-six years. His wife died in July, 1873, aged fifty-four years. The subject of this sketch was one of eleven children, six of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Sarah A., widow of Col. J. S. Bates, of Elmira; Aaron A., a resident of New York City; M. E., widow of Solomon Bennett, of Elmira; George P., who was first lieutenant of Company F, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was killed at the battle of Cold Harbor, and Charles T., deceased. In his youth Mr. Scudder received a common school education, supplemented by a course at Knoxville Academy. He acquired a practical knowledge of business as a clerk in Equinunk, where he served behind the counter three and one-half years. He afterwards clerked in Elmira, a portion of which time he was employed by a lumber firm as inspector and accountant. From

1870 to 1873, he was employed in McIntyre's store at Ralston, Lycoming county, and then until the fall of 1876, with Col. J. S. Bates, of Driftwood, Cameron county, in the mercantile business. In the autumn of 1876 he became yardmaster of the Tioga division of the Erie railroad, at Elmira. On June 19, 1893, he became manager of the W. W. Bradbury Company's store at Arnot, Tioga county, as the successor of W. W. Bradbury, deceased, which position he held until August 1, 1896. Mr. Scudder was married December 20, 1866, to Maria L. Lord, a daughter of Freeman A. and Abbie Lord, of Hancock, Delaware county, New York. Eight children have been born to this union, viz: Sarah Libbie, a graduate of the public schools of Elmira; A. Irene, a graduate of the public schools of Elmira, and of the State Normal School, at Cortland, New York; Maria Lord, a graduate of the public schools of Elmira and the Elmira College; Joseph M., employed in the electric plant at Landrus, Tioga county; Daniel F., a clerk in the office of the Blossburg Coal Company, at Arnot; Theodore, Georgia and Wheeler. In politics, Mr. Scudder is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. He is also a charter member of Driftwood Lodge, F. & A. M., of Driftwood, Pennsylvania, having been made a Mason of Hancock Lodge, Hancock, Delaware county, New York, in 1865.

THOMAS DRISCOLL was born in Ireland, and came to Canada in 1837, locating near Toronto, where he followed the occupation of a laborer. He married Ellen Connelly, also a native of Ireland, to which union were born eight children, viz: Michael and Patrick, residents of Morris Run; Dennis and Thomas, both deceased; Mary, a sister in St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital, at Erie, Pennsylvania; James, who resides in Morris Run; John, a resident of Blossburg, and Ellen, wife of Daniel Duggan, of Morris Run. In the fall of 1838 Mr. Driscoll removed to Mt. Morris, New York, and two years later to Corning, where he lived four years. He next located at Blossburg, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a coal miner until 1854, when the mines at Morris Run were opened up and he removed to that place. He continued coal mining until 1861, then bought a farm in Ward township, upon which he passed the remainder of his life, dying February 9, 1893, aged eighty-six years. His widow resides in Morris Run, with her son-in-law, Daniel Duggan, and is now in her eighty-third year.

MICHAEL DRISCOLL, eldest son of Thomas Driscoll, was born near Toronto, Canada, July 17, 1838. He received a common school education, and early became an employe in the mines at Blossburg and Morris Run. He has worked in Morris Run since the opening of the mines in 1854. In 1879 he was made foreman of the Jones mine, a position he still holds. It is one of much responsibility, which he has filled to the satisfaction of the company, and at the same time has made himself popular with the men under him. He is regarded as one of the best practical miners in this section of the State. Mr. Driscoll was married October 17, 1865, to Mary Duggan, a daughter of John and Mary Duggan, of Morris Run, and has nine children, viz: Ella, Mary, Thomas, Hannah, Kate, Anna, Alice, Elizabeth and John. In politics, Mr. Driscoll is a Democrat, and has served four years as township assessor, three as constable, and a number of terms as school director. In religion, he is a Catholic, and is a member of Branch, No. 30, C. K. of A., of Blossburg. Mr. Dris-

coll is one of the leading citizens of Morris Run, and is known as a man of strict integrity and high character.

GEORGE DAVIS was born in Old Park, Shropshire, England, and was a son of Mark Davis. He learned the painter's trade in his native land, and in November, 1863, he came to the United States, being accompanied by his parents and other members of his family, and located at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania. Here he remained two years, during which time his father died. In the fall of 1865 he removed to Morris Run, Tioga county, and entered the employ of the Morris Run Coal Company, working at his trade during the summer and in the mines during the winter seasons. A few years after his settlement in Morris Run, his mother died. For several years he carried the mail between Morris Run and Fall Brook. In 1878 he opened a hotel in Morris Run, which he carried on until his death, December 17, 1892, aged fifty-three years. Mr. Davis was married in England, January 27, 1860, to Sarah Ann Tipton, a daughter of Isaac and Susanna Tipton, to which union eight children were born, viz: Julia, wife of W. C. Fairman; Ruth, widow of A. D. McKenzie; William and Mark, residents of Blossburg; Emma M., deceased; Bertha M., a graduate of the State Normal School at Mansfield, and now a teacher in the public schools; Frederick G., a graduate of the same institution, and a student in the Philadelphia Dental College, and Ralph T., a student at the State Normal School, Mansfield. In politics, Mr. Davis was a Republican, and served for a number of years as justice of the peace of Hamilton township. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of H., and K. of P. lodges of Morris Run, and of Bloss Lodge, No. 350, F. & A. M., of Blossburg. Mrs. Davis and her unmarried children live in Morris Run, and enjoy a comfortable competence left by a kind husband and father.

JAMES C. HADLEY was born in Dudley, Worcestershire, England, May 26, 1852, immigrated to Pennsylvania, in September, 1873, and located in Morris Run, Tioga county, where he followed the occupation of a coal miner. In July, 1880, he went west, and for the next three years followed coal mining in Ohio, Iowa, Illinois and Wyoming. In April, 1883, he returned to Morris Run, and resumed working in the mines. On November 7, 1893, he was promoted to mine foreman, a position which he still holds. He is one of the valued and trusted employes of the company, and earned his promotion by years of faithful and efficient service. Mr. Hadley was married October 16, 1870, to Roseanna Bennett, a daughter of Isaiah and Rebecca Bennett, of Dudley, Worcestershire, England. Twelve children have been born to this union, four of whom are living, viz: William, James B., Benjamin R. and Mary Gertrude. Mrs. Hadley died March 18, 1893, aged forty-two years. In politics, Mr. Hadley is a Republican, and has been secretary of the township school board six years. He is a member of Morris Run Lodge, No. 698, I. O. O. F.; Tioga Lodge, No. 304, K. of P., and Bloss Lodge, No. 350, F. & A. M., of Blossburg. Mr. Hadley is not only a practical miner, but is well informed on matters of public interest. He has a valuable private library, and is conversant with the standard works of English literature.

EDGAR A. MCENTEE was born January 4, 1857, in Leroy, Genesee county, New York, and is a son of Owen and Kate (Hand) McEntee, natives of County Louth, Ireland. His parents came to Genesee county, New York, in 1851, where his father

followed farming until his death, March 20, 1895, aged seventy-five years. His mother died August 15, 1891, aged seventy-two. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, deceased wife of Nicholas Clemens; Annie, wife of George Wilson, of Mansfield; Maggie, wife of Henry Priset, of the same place; William and Thomas, both deceased; Edward and Edgar A., twins, the former a resident of Corrunna, Michigan, and the latter a resident of Fall Brook; Frank, who lives in Montana, and Eugene, who resides in Leroy, New York. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, and in early manhood engaged in lumbering, working four years in different saw-mills in Charleston township, Tioga county. In April, 1880, he went to Colorado, and continued the same business between Denver and Leadville. In July, 1886, he went to Arkansas, where he was employed in saw-mills until September, 1887, when he came to Fall Brook, Tioga county, and worked in the saw-mill for a time. He then was promoted to the position of outside foreman, which he still holds. Mr. McEntee was married June 6, 1888, to Mary Adams, a daughter of Robert Adams, of Charleston township, and has three children: Leone and Ione, twins, and Edna May. In politics, Mr. McEntee is an ardent Democrat, and has served in the council of Fall Brook, and three terms as burgess of that borough. He is a member of Bloss Lodge, No. 350, F. & A. M., of Blossburg. Mr. McEntee is one of the most popular citizens of Fall Brook, and a faithful and efficient employe of the company.

STEPHEN H. WOOD was born in Montgomery county, New York, November 23, 1824, a son of Hezekiah and Mary (Adamy) Wood, of that county. He was reared in his native town, and February 15, 1849, he married Mary Jane Owen, a daughter of Daniel and Rhoda Owen, of Tompkins county, New York. A year after their marriage they removed to Granville, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where they lived until March, 1852, when they came to Tioga county and settled on the farm in Bloss township, now the residence of their son, Harvey D. The land was then covered with the primitive forest, in the midst of which Mr. Wood erected a frame house, one of the first in that part of the county. Here he lived clearing and tilling his land until his death, September 7, 1887, leaving one son, Harvey D. Three daughters, Rhoda, Elmina C. and Clara Adel, died in early youth. He was a good farmer, owned nearly 300 acres of well-improved land, and was one of the prosperous, progressive and leading agriculturists of the county. Mr. Wood was a staunch Republican, in politics, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He served nine months in Company A, One Hundred and Seventy-first Pennsylvania Militia, and was a loyal, patriotic citizen. His widow resides in Mansfield.

HARVEY D. WOOD was born in Bloss township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1864, and is a son of Stephen H. and Mary J. (Owen) Wood. He was educated in the common schools and at the State Normal School, Mansfield, from which he graduated in 1884, and subsequently taught school a few years. On August 22, 1888, Mr. Wood married Jennie Callender, of Peckville, Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, and has two children, Stephen R. and Harvey Dwight. In politics, he is a Republican, and has served one term as township assessor. Besides the old homestead on which he resides, he owns a farm of 100 acres across the line in Charleston township, the two making a valuable property of 386 acres. Mr. Wood

is one of the leading farmers of the township, and is a man of education, enterprise and public spirit.

SELAH PHILLIPS was born in North Wales, October 1, 1836, son of Philip and Elizabeth Phillips. In 1866 he came to Blossburg, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, but soon after went to Brookville, Ohio, where he worked as a coal miner for three years. He then returned to Tioga county and worked in the coal mines at Arnot until 1888, when he moved to his present farm of thirty acres of land in the north-west part of Bloss township, which he bought in 1878. Here he opened a general store, which he has since carried on in connection with the cultivation of his land. Mr. Phillips was married in Wales, March 5, 1859, to Elizabeth Turner, a daughter of James and Ann Turner, to which union have been born six children, viz: Elias and Thomas, who reside at Lemont Furnace, Fayette county, Pennsylvania; Mary Ann, wife of William Powell, of Blossburg, Tioga county; Elizabeth, wife of David Williams, of Edwardsdale, Pennsylvania, and James and David, both of whom reside at home. Mr. Phillips is a staunch Republican, and has served as treasurer of Bloss township. He is a member of the Baptist church, and also of Arbon Lodge, No. 489, I. O. O. F., of Blossburg. He is a quiet, unassuming man, whose life of industry and integrity has won for him the respect of all who know him.

JOHN E. HENRY was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1833, and is a son of James and Nancy Henry. His father was a native of New Hampshire, and came with his parents to Charleston township, Tioga county, at an early day, where he died in 1849, aged sixty years. His mother died in 1871, aged sixty-seven years. They were the parents of the following children: Lydia J., wife of Jacob Johnson, of Delmar township; Eliza, deceased wife of Venus Crowl, of the same township; Amanda, deceased wife of Tunis Bush, of Gaines township; John E., Rosalie, deceased, who was twice married, first to James Bush, and afterwards to James Hakes; Chloe, wife of Ben Carson; James H., a resident of Prescott, Pierce county, Wisconsin; Orville, deceased, and Richard, a resident of Potter county. John E. was reared in Charleston township, and on March 18, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until May, 1865. His brothers, Orville and Richard, were in the same company and regiment. Mr. Henry was married May 10, 1854, to Hannah Kimball, daughter of Lazell Kimball, of Charleston township, to which union have been born three children, viz: Geraldine, wife of Charles Patterson, of Hornellsville, New York; Josephine, who died in infancy, and Charles M., who lives on an adjoining farm to his father's. In politics, Mr. Henry is a Republican, and has filled the office of school director. He is a member of the Grange at Round Top, and of George Cook Post, No. 315, G. A. R., of Wellsboro. Mr. Henry is the owner of a well-improved farm in Bloss township of 100 acres, and is one of the leading farmers of this section of the county.

LIBERTY AND UNION TOWNSHIPS.

JONATHAN SEBRING, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, settled at Liberty, Tioga county, in 1813, where he became proprietor of the old Block House tavern, succeeding its original landlord, Anthony. He kept this house for many years, entertaining the pioneers and travelers over the Williamson road, and finally erected

on the same site the Liberty Hotel. Mr. Sebring was a shoemaker and carpenter, which trades he followed while conducting the hotel, and also cleared and cultivated a farm. He sold out and went to Wisconsin in 1856, where he resided until his death, in 1879, at the remarkable age of ninety-six years. To Jonathan Sebring and wife were born thirteen children, twelve of whom lived to maturity. He was one of the real pioneers of Liberty, and endured the privations, hardships and trials incident to that period.

ROBERT C. SEBRING, a son of Jonathan Sebring, was born in Liberty, Tioga county, April 5, 1819, and obtained his education in the pioneer schools of his native place. In 1835 he began clerking in his brother John's store, in Liberty. In 1840 his brother removed to Jersey Shore, Robert C. continuing the business at Liberty until about 1856, when he sold a half interest to William Narber, who subsequently purchased the remaining interest. In 1867 he erected a new store building and formed a partnership with Horace Fellows, who a few weeks later sold his interest to Charles A. Miller and the firm became Sebring & Miller. It so continued until the autumn of 1872, when Mr. Sebring bought out his partner and carried on the business alone one year. He then sold out to Charles A., Nathaniel and Ira Miller and took charge of the Eagle Hotel, which he conducted for two years. In 1875 he engaged in farming, and three years later purchased the Liberty Hotel, formerly owned by his father, which he carried on up to within a short time of his death. In May, 1844, Mr. Sebring married Phoebe Reed, of Trout Run, Lycoming county, who bore him eight children, four of whom are living, viz: John, a resident of Lock Haven; Clara F., wife of C. A. Miller, of Liberty; Mattie, wife of Nathaniel Skinner, of Williamsport, and Grant, of Liberty. Mr. Sebring died May 23, 1884, and his wife, June 21, 1891. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, he was a Republican, and was also a charter member and Past Grand of Block House Lodge, No. 398, I. O. O. F., of Liberty.

GRANT SEBRING, proprietor of the Sebring House, at Liberty, was born in Liberty borough, Tioga county, March 8, 1865, and is the youngest living child of Robert C. Sebring. After completing a common school course, he attended the Williamsport Commercial College. When but fifteen years of age he and his brother John built and conducted the Coleman House, at Morris, Tioga county, where they also carried on a general mercantile business. In 1885 he sold his interest and engaged in farming, which he continued to follow until February, 1888. At that time he purchased his present hotel property, and has since carried on the business successfully. On April 5, 1888, Mr. Sebring married Emma H. Hartsock, a daughter of John Hartsock, who has borne him one child, Clara Belle, deceased. In politics, Mr. Sebring is a Republican, and is a member of the borough council. He is also connected with Block House Lodge, No. 398, I. O. O. F., and Washington Camp, No. 628, P. O. S. of A., of Liberty. Mr. Sebring is recognized as a genial and successful landlord, and the Sebring House is not only the leading hotel in the borough, but is patronized by the majority of the traveling trade.

JOHN SHEFFER, SR., was one of the earliest settlers of Liberty, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1779, the son of a Revolutionary soldier, whose ancestors came from Holland. He was reared in his native county and there learned the tailor's trade. Mr. Sheffer was

twice married, but his first wife lived only a brief period. June 8, 1802, he married Susannah Reynolds, and soon after removed to Williamsport, Lycoming county. Here he continued working at his trade for several years, or until his appointment as deputy sheriff. While filling that office he became security for a debtor and his property was sold to satisfy the claim. Discouraged and disgusted by such treatment he removed with his family to Liberty township, Tioga county, in February, 1814, and bought of John Norris 150 acres of academy land on what has been since known as "Sheffer Hill." Here in the midst of an almost unbroken wilderness he erected a rude cabin and began the arduous task of carving a home from the primitive forest. While devoting his principal attention to agriculture he also worked at his trade for the pioneers and did considerable surveying, which business he followed until his death, August 5, 1841. His wife survived him until September, 1860. They were the parents of the following children: John, William, Samuel, Elizabeth, who married William Harmon; Catherine, who married Peter Lutz; Jacob, Polly, Susannah, who married Daniel Miller; Joseph, Mary, Michael, Julia Ann, who married Nicholas Elter; George R., and Sarah. Of these Mrs. Miller, Michael, Mrs. Elter and George R. survive. Mr. Sheffer and wife were members of the Lutheran church. In politics, he was a Democrat, and served as justice of the peace in Liberty for many years.

JOHN SHEFFER, JR., was born in Williamsport, Lycoming county, February 8, 1803, and was a lad of eleven years of age when his parents settled at Liberty, Tioga county. In 1816-17 he carried the mail on horseback between Williamsport and Painted Post, being thus one of the pioneer mail carriers of this section. He afterwards learned the blacksmith's trade in Williamsport. May 12, 1825, he married Sarah Shaffer, a daughter of John Shaffer, of White Deer valley, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and the same year opened a blacksmith shop in Liberty, where he carried on business continuously forty-five years, retiring in 1870. To John and Sarah Sheffer were born ten children, viz: George, Henry, Martin, and Philip, the last three of whom are dead; Susan, wife of Charles Hagenbach, of Kansas; Sarah, wife of Jonas Artley, of Bradford, McKean county; George Washington, of Blossburg; Alpheus, of Liberty; Elvina, and Ada, wife of Jabez Hancher, of Liberty. Mr. Sheffer and wife were members of the Lutheran church, and died November 8, 1876, and April 4, 1887, respectively. In politics, he was a stanch Democrat, and served as a school director for many years.

ALPHEUS SHEFFER, youngest son of John Sheffer, Jr., and grandson of John Sheffer, Sr., was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, February 15, 1841. He obtained a common school education, and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, with whom he remained from 1857 to 1870, when he started in business for himself, in which he still continues. March 8, 1863, he married Jennie, a daughter of Daniel Achenbach, of White Deer valley, Lycoming county, who has borne him five children, viz: Leona, deceased; Kate, wife of John Budd, of Williamsport; Harry G., Jennie, deceased, and Carrie. Harry G. was born November 4, 1868, learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, which he followed up to 1891, when he began clerking in the Wilcox House, in Towanda, and remained there until 1894. He then secured a position as brakeman on the Northern Central railroad, but is now working with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Sheffer are members of the Lutheran church,

In politics, the family is Democratic, and Mr. Sheffer has filled the offices of constable and school director. He is also a member of Block House Lodge, No. 398, I. O. O. F.

SAMUEL SHEFFER, third son of John Sheffer, Sr., was born in Williamsport, Lycoming county, January 11, 1806, and was eight years old when his parents settled at Liberty, Tioga county. Here he grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade, which business he followed the greater part of his life. He was also a stage driver between Williamsport and Sunbury, and Elmira and Painted Post for several years. He married Susan Kinsman, a daughter of James Kinsman, of Towanda, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, to which union were born eleven children, as follows: James, of Liberty; Harrison, Evan, and Lydia Jane, all of whom are dead; Amanda, wife of George Hartley, of Lycoming county; Theodore, a resident of Decatur county, Iowa; Riland, who lives in Nebraska; Frank, a resident of Millerton, Tioga county; Cornelia and Amelia, residents of Denver, Colorado, and one that died in infancy. Mr. Sheffer died in Liberty, January 31, 1889, while his wife died in Iowa, in 1893. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics, he was a Republican.

JAMES SHEFFER, eldest child of Samuel Sheffer, and grandson of John Sheffer, Sr., was born in Towanda, Bradford county, February 10, 1837. He was reared in Liberty, and learned the carpenter's and cabinet-maker's trades with his father. In 1858 he married Elizabeth Caylor, a daughter of Isaac Caylor, of Lycoming county, to which union have been born eight children, viz: Celestia, wife of John Mitchell, of Blossburg; Emma, wife of Joseph Ridge, of Tioga county; Isaac F., Ella, wife of Frank Bastian; Mamie, wife of George Heyler; Alice, Edith and Lela. Mr. Sheffer served in Company F, Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, towards the close of the Rebellion. In 1865 he removed to Iowa, where he lived seven years. He then returned to Tioga county and has since made his home in Liberty borough, where he follows the carpenter's trade. In politics, he is a Republican, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

MICHAEL SHEFFER is the oldest living son of John and Susannah (Reynolds) Sheffer, and was born on Sheffer hill, in Liberty township, Tioga county, November 17, 1821. He was reared upon the homestead farm, spending his boyhood days in the rugged pursuits of clearing off the forest and tilling the soil, the country at that time being a comparative wilderness. In 1839 he went to Williamsport, where he learned the wagon-making trade, remaining there two years. Returning to Liberty he established a shop, and was engaged in the wagon-making business up to within the last few years. September 28, 1843, Mr. Sheffer married Mary E. Cox, a daughter of William Cox, and a sister of Gen. Robert C. Cox, of Wellsboro. Five children were born to this union, as follows: Francis Marion, the present prothonotary of Tioga county; Sarah J., wife of William Woodruff, of Liberty; Warren, who is in the employ of the Arnot Coal Company; Edgar, who is engaged in business in Clearfield county, and Robert, who died in infancy. Mr. Sheffer is a stanch Republican and has filled several of the local offices. For more than half a century he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has filled the position of teacher and superintendent of the Sunday-school since its organization. He justly enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and a wide

circle of friends, and has been a resident of Liberty township for over three-quarters of a century.

FRANCIS MARION SHEFFER, prothonotary of Tioga county, was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, August 17, 1844, a son of Michael and Mary E. (Cox) Sheffer. He was educated in the public schools of Liberty township, and when seventeen years of age entered his father's shop to learn wagon-making. When twenty-one years old he began life for himself, and worked at his trade in Liberty township until 1881, when he purchased a saw and planing-mill, which he operated until 1889. Mr. Sheffer has always been an ardent Republican and has given an unwavering support to that party. In the autumn of 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. While a resident of Liberty, he filled the offices of school director and constable three years each, and that of justice of the peace five years. He was elected sheriff of Tioga county in 1889, served in that office three years, and then returned to his home in Liberty township. In 1893 he was elected prothonotary, and was re-elected in 1896, which position he still occupies. He is one of the most efficient and popular officials in the county, and is quite prominent in the local councils of his party. Mr. Sheffer was married December 28, 1864, to Margaret L. Bastian, a daughter of Benjamin Bastian, of Jackson township, Lycoming county, to which union have been born two children: Leroy W., deceased, and Ada B. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Sheffer belongs to the Masonic order.

CHARLES A. MILLER, merchant, was born in Jackson township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1840, and there grew to manhood. He obtained a common school education, and subsequently entered the employ of Werline & Miller, merchants of Liberty, Tioga county. At the end of two years he purchased the interest of Mr. Werline, and the firm then became H. Miller & Company. In 1862 this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Miller worked in saw-mills and at lumbering. In 1864, in connection with Isaac Miller, he built a saw-mill at Roaring Branch, which they operated until 1867, when he sold out to his partner. He then entered the employ of Sebring & Fellows, general merchants at Liberty, and one month later bought the interest of Mr. Fellows and continued as a member of the firm of Sebring & Miller until 1872. In that year he sold out to R. C. Sebring and removed to his farm in Jackson township, Lycoming county, but in 1873 purchased the Sebring store, in partnership with his brothers, Nathaniel and Ira, and carried on the business up to 1877, when his brothers sold out to G. T. Werline. Mr. Werline continued as a partner until 1883, since which time Mr. Miller has conducted the business alone, being to-day the leading merchant of the borough. Mr. Miller has met with considerable losses during his business career. In 1865 his mill and boom were swept away, and December 5, 1879, his store was destroyed by fire. His safe has been robbed three times, and he also suffered much loss by the great June flood. Notwithstanding these reverses, Mr. Miller is to-day the owner of one of the leading business houses in Tioga county, as well as one of its most substantial citizens. On July 15, 1869, he married Clara F. Sebring, a daughter of Robert C. Sebring, of Liberty, to which union have been born four children, viz: Merton R., Phoebe Belle, wife of George C. McVoy, of Carney, Michigan; Minnie M., wife of Fred E. Baird, and Fred B. Mr. Miller is an enthusiastic Republican. He was ap-

pointed postmaster of Liberty under President Harrison's administration and served nearly five years. He has also filled the offices of justice of the peace, school director and auditor. In 1896 he was chosen as one of the Republican delegates to the state convention at Harrisburg. He is a Past Grand of Block House Lodge, No. 398, I. O. O. F., and is also a member of Washington Camp, No. 628, P. O. S. of A.

MERTON R. MILLER, eldest child of Charles A. Miller, was born in Liberty, Tioga county, April 7, 1870, and obtained his education in the common schools and at Williamsport Commercial College, from which institution he graduated in 1889. He afterwards took a special course in stenography and typewriting, and then entered his father's store in Liberty, where he has remained up to the present. Mr. Miller is an ardent Republican, and has filled the positions of auditor, inspector, clerk and chairman of the vigilance committee. He is a member of Arnot Lodge, No. 465, K. of P., of Arnot; Washington Camp, No. 628, P. O. S. of A., of Liberty, and is also connected with the L. A. W. and the Williamsport Turn Verein.

WILLIAM F. WESEMAN, M. D., is a native of Goettengen, Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, where he was born December 23, 1822. His father, Frederick Weseman, was a prominent government official, and a member of a leading German family. William F. spent his boyhood in the University of Hanover, and at the age of twenty-two entered the Medical University at Goettengen, where he pursued a full course of study. When twenty-five years of age he came to the United States and commenced the practice of medicine in the Mahanoy valley, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he remained four years. In 1852 he located in Liberty, Tioga county, and during the succeeding twelve years built up a large practice. On September 8, 1864, Dr. Weseman was commissioned by Governor Curtin quartermaster of the Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, with the rank of first lieutenant, and served with his regiment until the close of the war, being mustered out May 31, 1865. He then resumed practice in Liberty, which he continued up to a recent date, when he retired from the active duties thereof. Dr. Weseman has been very successful in his profession, enjoyed an extensive practice, and was held in high esteem because of his medical skill and kind attention at the bedside of the suffering. He is a member of the G. A. R., and one of the oldest physicians in Tioga county, where he has lived for nearly half a century.

DANIEL HARTSOCK was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, in September, 1806. His parents removed to Williamsport a few years later, and when Daniel was seven years old they located in Jackson township, Lycoming county, where he grew to manhood. He married Magdalena Brion, whose parents were early settlers of that locality, and in 1830 removed to Liberty township, Tioga county, where both he and wife resided until death. They were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom are living, as follows: Christina, widow of James McVoy; Richard H., a resident of Liberty; George, Mary, wife of John Raker; Elizabeth, wife of Sylvester Keeler; Harriet, wife of Seth Wilson, of Nebraska; Jacob, deceased; Levi, Samuel, Daniel and Henry, the last three of whom are dead. Mr. Hartsock died in 1885, and his wife in 1880. They were members of the Lutheran church, and in politics, he was a Republican. At the time of his death Mr. Hartsock was one of the largest land owners in Liberty township.

RICHARD H. HARTSOCK, oldest son of Daniel Hartsock, was born in Liberty

township, Tioga county, December 11, 1832, and was reared on the homestead farm. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in merchandising at Liberty, which business he followed for three years, and then began dealing in wild lands in connection with farming. In 1881 he established a general store in Liberty, which business he continued for eleven years. In 1892 he embarked in the milling business, followed it for two years, and then engaged in stock and grain dealing, which he has continued up to the present. In politics, Mr. Hartsock is a staunch Republican, and is one of the oldest and most substantial citizens of his native place.

FREDERICK HEYLER came from Stuttgart, Germany, about 1818, and settled on a farm in Liberty township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He was married in Germany to Dora Goodschmert, who bore him nine children, as follows: Frederick, Mary, who married Henry Kohn, of Lycoming county; Catherine, who married John Linck, of Morris; Jackson, deceased; John, Daniel, deceased; Mina, who married Fred Boger; Caroline, who married Jacob Gleckner, and Gottlieb. In politics, Mr. Heyler was a Democrat, and in religion, a member of the Lutheran church. He died in November, 1881, and his wife in May, 1876.

JOHN HEYLER was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, in September, 1826, a son of Frederick Heyler, and has spent his entire life in his native township, engaged in agricultural pursuits. On May 11, 1852, he married Elizabeth Boger, who became the mother of nine children, as follows: Julia Ann, wife of William Snyder; Johanna, wife of Samuel Maneval; Mary Ann, wife of John Mayer, of South Dakota; Joseph, who married Annie Smith; Samuel, who married Annie Purhan; John, who lives in South Dakota; Edwin and Emma, both of whom live in South Dakota, and Titus, who lives with his parents. Mr. Heyler is a staunch Democrat, and is a member of the Lutheran church.

JOHN FICK was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, a son of John Fick, who removed from Berks county to Northumberland county in 1793. In 1825 the family came to Liberty township, Tioga county, where the father died in 1863. At the age of twenty-four Mr. Fick left home and lumbered for two years along Big Pine creek, and later worked two years on the Tioga railroad, from Mansfield to Berry's bridge. He subsequently bought a farm in Liberty township, on which he lived until 1890, when he sold out and moved to Liberty borough. He reared a family of four sons, viz: Levi J., Huling J., Perly H. and Albert L.; also an adopted daughter, Mary S., who married Abraham L. Monroe, of Delmar township. Mr. Fick has retired from active labor and is spending the evening of his life with his son, Albert L., of Liberty, being now seventy-seven years old. In religion, he is a Lutheran, and in politics, an adherent of the Democratic party.

PERLY H. FICK, third son of John Fick, was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, July 27, 1857. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the common schools of the district. At the age of twenty-one he began lumbering, which business he continued for eight years. He then went to Detroit, Michigan, worked at house-painting in that State for three years, at the end of which period he returned to Tioga county and bought his father's farm. He farmed one year, then sold out and worked at house-painting for two years, when he purchased a tract of land in Pine township, Lycoming county, where he engaged in clearing the land and lumbering. In the spring of 1895 he bought a small place a mile and a half from

Liberty borough, where he follows farming and painting as an occupation. In politics, he is a Democrat. Mr. Fick was married in Wellsboro, May 2, 1890, to Delila A. Boswell, a daughter of Richard E. Boswell. Her father was a native of Conway, Stafford county, New Hampshire, and settled at English Centre, Lycoming county, where Mrs. Fick was born November 9, 1854. She is the mother of one daughter, Katherine May, born July 8, 1893, the only grandchild in the family.

PETER MANEVAL emigrated from Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1828, and settled in Liberty township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. His parents, Peter Maneval and wife, came a short time afterwards and located close to their son. Both Peter and his father were stocking weavers, which trade they followed in their native land. Our subject was the eldest in a family of four children, viz: Peter, Jacob, Louis and John. The father died in 1834, while the mother survived until 1856, living to the ripe age of ninety-two years. The subject of this sketch was married in Germany, but his wife died soon after coming to this county, leaving four children, viz: David, deceased; Charles, who lives in Lycoming county; Peter, deceased, and Jacob, a resident of Salladasburg, Lycoming county. Mr. Maneval married for his second wife, Maria Kopp, of Liberty, who became the mother of five children, as follows: Mary, wife of Jacob Essick, of Blossburg; Susan, Catharine, widow of Henry Root; John, of Liberty, and Elizabeth, wife of James Morehouse. In politics, Mr. Maneval was a Democrat, and in religion, a Lutheran. He died in 1856, and his wife in 1889.

DAVID MANEVAL, eldest child of Peter Maneval, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in October, 1817, and was eleven years old when his parents settled in Liberty, Tioga county, where he grew to manhood. In 1837 he married Elizabeth Boger, a daughter of Jacob Boger, who bore him a family of thirteen children, as follows: Peter, a resident of Ohio; Rosanna, wife of Michael Heyd, of Lycoming county; Benjamin, of Liberty township; Daniel, who lives in Williamsport; Edward, deceased; Aaron, a resident of Ohio; Mary, deceased wife of Albert Douglas; Catherine and David, both deceased; James, who lives in Denver, Colorado; Wilson, a resident of Clearfield county; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Cowden, of Williamsport, and one that died in early youth. In politics, Mr. Maneval was originally a Democrat, but joined the Republican party in 1860. He filled the offices of supervisor, school director and collector in Mifflin township, Lycoming county, and spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Evangelical Protestant church. His death occurred in August, 1864, and that of his wife, in November, 1890. He removed to Lycoming county in 1846, where he spent the remaining years of his life.

BENJAMIN MANEVAL, second son of David Maneval, and grandson of Peter Maneval, was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, April 8, 1842, and was four years old when the family removed to Lycoming county. He there grew to maturity and learned the blacksmith's trade at Linden, Lycoming county, and Turbottville, Northumberland county. He worked at his trade in those two counties until the spring of 1865, when he returned to Liberty township, Tioga county, settled at Nauvoo, and has since followed blacksmithing and farming at that place. January 1, 1865, he married Mary Linck, of Morris township, who has borne him five children, viz: Elizabeth, wife of Freemont Russell, of Omaha, Nebraska; Charles E., William H., Lydia May, and one that died in infancy. Mr. Maneval is a stanch Republican,

has served as a school director, and in religion, is an adherent of the Evangelical Protestant church. He is one of the prosperous and progressive citizens of his native township.

WILLIAM H. MANEVAL, youngest son of Benjamin Maneval, was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, July 11, 1871. After attending the common schools of the district, he settled down on the homestead farm, where he has remained up to the present. He is an ardent Republican, and is now filling the office of school director. In 1896 he was a candidate for county commissioner, and considering the number of candidates in the field, he received a flattering vote. Mr. Maneval is a member of the Union church at Nauvoo.

LEWIS MOYER was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1829, a son of Jacob Moyer, a native of the same place. His father immigrated to Pennsylvania, remained a short time at Mauch Chunk, and in 1831 came to Liberty township, Tioga county, and settled near the old "Block House." Here he spent the remaining years of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five. Lewis was but two years old when his parents settled in Liberty township. He was reared on the homestead farm, and attended the common schools of his district. In 1854 he married Mary Kopp, a daughter of John Kopp, of Liberty township, to which union have been born seven children, as follows: Henry L., Minerva, wife of John S. Brion, who has three sons, Edwin, Charles and Iver; Almina, deceased; Ida C., wife of George D. James, a native of Derbyshire, England, who lives in Liberty township; William W., Edmond and one that died in infancy. On February 21, 1865, Mr. Moyer enlisted in Company D, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was discharged from the service at Washington, D. C., June 29, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are members of the Evangelical church. In politics, he is a Democrat, and one of the substantial farmers of the township.

ALEXANDER HARVEY was born in Scotland, in 1820, and immigrated to the United States in the early sixties. He spent a short time in the Pittsburg region and then located at Arnot, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, before the railroad was completed into that now famous coal field. He was among the pioneers of what is now one of the leading coal fields in Pennsylvania. Mr. Harvey was a good citizen, and was widely known for his honesty, integrity and originality. He had a family of ten sons and one daughter, all of whom were in the employ of the Arnot Coal Company. Seven sons and one daughter are living, viz: Four sons in Arnot, one in Alaska, one in Colorado, and one in Farrandville, Clinton county, while the daughter lives on the homestead farm in Liberty township with her widowed mother, who still retains a strong and vigorous constitution at the age of seventy-six years. Prior to the death of two sons, one of whom was killed in Colorado and the other in the woods near Arnot, it was no uncommon thing to see the parents and their eleven children all together at the home farm. Through the frugal habits of Mrs. Harvey, they finally saved enough to purchase a good farm of 320 acres in Liberty township, Tioga county, and there Mr. Harvey passed his declining years, after being connected with mining for half a century. He died on his farm in Liberty, January 9, 1895, and was interred beside his three sons in Blossburg cemetery. The family were all ardent Republicans, and in 1880 Mr. Harvey and his ten sons marched to the polls

and voted for James A. Garfield for president, an event which brought their names into local prominence.

The oldest son, John C. Harvey, is perhaps the best known of the children. He had traveled extensively before locating in Tioga county, and induced the family to come to the coal region. He became well known over Tioga county, especially in political and labor circles, and his advice was keenly sought in all mining troubles. He was foremost in the memorable fight for the establishment of check-weighmen on the tipples, in opposition to the Erie Railroad Company. He has always been a staunch Republican, and his influence in the coal region was recognized by the local party leaders. Mr. Harvey is now employed with the famous Farrandsville Fire Brick Company, of Farrandsville, Clinton county. He claims that Tioga county is underlaid with as good fire clay as exists in the State. He has been employed on several occasions to trace the fire clay strata from the West Branch and Scootac regions to the borders of Tioga county. This he hopes to see developed in the near future, and Blossburg become one of the fire brick centers of Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL HARTMAN was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1823, a son of Samuel Hartman, Sr. His father was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1791, there grew to manhood, and in 1821 married Margaret Miller, of Selins Grove, Snyder county. They soon after removed to Williamsport, and in 1826 settled in Jackson township, Lycoming county, where both spent the remaining years of their lives. Their family consisted of the following children: Jacob, Samuel, Jonas H., Catherine, who married Nicholas Fessler; Mrs. Harriet N. Baird, who lives in New Jersey; Henry, who died at Fort Scott, Kansas; Sarah A., who married Daniel Hartman; Julia A., who married C. Meaker; Margaret, who married Charles Harman, of Wisconsin; M. D., who lives at Fort Scott, Kansas, and Eliza C., widow of Rev. T. Morris, of Williamsport. The subject of this sketch was three years old when his parents located in Jackson township, Lycoming county. He spent his boyhood on the homestead in that township, and at the age of twenty-three married Mary A. Werline, a daughter of Isaac Werline, of Liberty township, Tioga county. In March, 1861, Mr. Hartman located in Liberty, where he soon afterwards engaged in the drug and mercantile business, which he followed until 1892, when he retired from active labor. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman have reared several adopted children, viz: Catherine Werline, Joseph W. Hartman, a nephew, who enlisted in the army at the age of fifteen; Thomas Hartman, Della Applegate, Mary and Isabella. Mr. Hartman has been identified with the churches and Sabbath-schools of Liberty for many years, and has also filled the offices of school director and treasurer.

GEORGE BECK was one of the oldest citizens in Liberty township at the time of his death, November 13, 1896. He was born in Jackson township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, July 9, 1817, a son of Daniel Beck, who came from Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, in 1813-14, and settled on a farm in Jackson township, Lycoming county. His grandfather, Andrew Beck, came to the United States from Neidergelheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, at an early day, and settled in the coal regions, whence the family removed to Lycoming county, locating in Jackson township, south of the old "Block House." The subject of this sketch was left an orphan at the age of two years, attended the common schools of his native township in boy-

hood, and assisted his grandfather, Miller, in the duties of the farm. At the age of eighteen he went to Williamsport, where he followed blacksmithing three years. In 1839 he purchased 100 acres of land, a part of the old homestead; and began farming. In 1844 he married Catherine Taylor, of Muncy, Lycoming county, who became the mother of nine children, as follows: Jonas D., of Liberty; L. H., of Elmira; John S., a farmer of Cogan House township, Lycoming county; George W., deceased; Uriah G., a dentist of Elmira; Warren F., also a resident of that city; Mary Margaret, deceased; one that died in infancy, and William B., who died at the age of twenty-two years. Several members of the family are well known inventors and patentees. Jonas D. has invented and patented a machinist's vise; also invented an automatic boiler-feeder which keeps the water at any height desired without waste of steam or fuel, and an electric light. L. H., Uriah G. and Warren F. are the inventors of the Eureka Cash Register and Pass Book System, now established at Scranton, Pennsylvania, in which they sold their interest, and later invented the Standard Pass Book System, since succeeded by the Standard Account System, now established in Elmira, New York, with a capital of \$50,000. L. H. Beck is employed by the Standard Account Company, successor of the Standard Pass Book Company, in which he and his brothers are financially interested as patentees. George Beck spent nearly his entire life in agricultural pursuits, but finally retired from active labor to enjoy the fruits of his industry. At the time of his death he was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the community.

HENRY YODIS was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1858, a son of Frederick and Christina (Weaver) Youdis. His father was born in Germany, in 1819, and came to Lycoming county with his parents when but nine years old. They settled in Jackson township, where Frederick grew to maturity. He was twice married. By his marriage to Christina Weaver, a daughter of Henry Weaver, were born three children: Sena, wife of Levi Hartsock; Henry, of Liberty township, and George, who lives in Jackson township, Lycoming county. Frederick's second wife was Lizzie Callenback, of Lycoming county, who bore him three children, viz: Sarah, Mina and Charles. He was a Republican in politics, and a Lutheran in religion. He died in February, 1890. Henry was reared in Jackson township, there attended the common schools, and worked on the homestead farm until his marriage. On February 11, 1884, he married Laura Hartsock, a daughter of R. H. Hartsock, of Liberty township, and settled upon the farm where he still resides. They are the parents of three children: Manie, Mervin and Clair. Mr. Youdis is an independent voter, supporting men rather than party. He makes a specialty of stock raising and sugar making, in which branches of agriculture he has been quite successful.

JOHN DUFF was born in Bonny Bridge, Sterlingshire, Scotland, in 1838. His father was a sergeant in the British army, and some of his ancestors fought against Napoleon. In possession of the Duff family is a pair of eye glasses of peculiar make, encased in a tortoise shell frame, which belonged to a grand uncle of Mr. Duff. They were used by General Abercrombie in his Egyptian campaign, and are highly prized by the Duff family. They also own an ancient Bible, published in Scotland. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native land, and was there married in 1868, to Jane Shaw, a daughter of David Shaw, of Dumbartonshire. In 1881 he

came to the United States with his two sons, and stopped a few days in Fall Brook, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He then went to Arnot and found employment with the Tioga Railroad Company. Here his wife joined him in April, 1882. He remained with the Tioga Railroad Company about one year, and later found employment with the Blossburg Coal Company, for which he worked three or four years. At the end of this time he purchased a farm in Liberty township, Tioga county, and has since devoted his attention to agriculture in connection with mining and other pursuits. To Mr. and Mrs. Duff were born four children, viz: James, born in Scotland, February 2, 1870, who is engaged in mining and farming; David S. and John H., twins, born in Scotland, June 4, 1872, both of whom are engaged in mining, and Jessie G., born February 9, 1874, who lives at home. In religion, the family are Presbyterians, and in politics, adherents of the Republican party. They are also members of Sebring Grange, No. 1047, P. of H. Mrs. Duff died March 6, 1894.

MICHAEL McMAHON was born in County Clare, Ireland, January 6, 1838, a son of Michael McMahon, also a native of Ireland, who immigrated to the United States in 1848. His father was a distant relative of Marshal McMahon, of France, commander of the French forces under Napoleon, and subsequently president of the French Republic. He settled in Elmira, New York, where he lived two years, engaged in farming and working on what was then known as the New York and Lake Erie railroad. In 1850 he came to Jackson township, Tioga county, in which year his wife and six children came to the United States. The subject of this sketch was then twelve years old. He had attended the common schools of his native land, and afterwards went to the academy at Troy, Pennsylvania. In 1853 he located in Elmira, and followed farming and railroading. In 1862 he came to Nauvoo, Liberty township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in general merchandising, removing in 1867 to the farm on which he now resides. From 1868 to 1870 he was engaged in the mercantile business in Liberty, during which time he also followed farming, and did considerable lumbering in Jackson and Pine townships, Lycoming county. He introduced and bred what was known as the "Clay" or "McMahon" horses in Tioga county, and was also a breeder of fine cattle. In 1883 he married Minda Reed, a daughter of Isaac Reed, of Liberty township, Tioga county, and has one son, Michael K., born July 5, 1885. In politics, Mr. McMahon is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. LEISENRING is a native of Liberty township, Tioga county, where he was born May 4, 1844. After quitting school he went to Seneca Falls, New York, and learned the machinist's trade with John A. Rumsey & Company, at which he worked until December 28, 1861. He then enlisted in Company A, Thirty-third New York Volunteers, became color bearer, and served until March 27, 1862, when he was discharged, but immediately re-enlisted in Company A, Third New York Volunteers. He served in this regiment until February 9, 1863, when he was again discharged, and again enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-eighth New York Volunteers for the three years' service. He participated in all the battles and skirmishes in which his command took part, including the operations against Petersburg and Richmond, Swift Creek, Proctor's Creek, Drury's Bluff, Bermuda Hundred, and Cold Harbor, where he received a sabre wound, and also five gunshot

wounds in the right side and leg. He was subsequently confined in the hospital at Portsmouth Grove, Rhode Island, from June, 1864, until July, 1865, when he was honorably discharged and returned to his home in Liberty township. March 24, 1868, Mr. Leisenring married Lodiaskia Emick, of Liberty, to which union have been born seven children, viz: Matilda, wife of Wesley Lloyd, of Blackwells, Tioga county; H. W., F. L., Hannah A. and John E., both deceased; Rolla R. and Mary Lydia. In politics, Mr. Leisenring is a stanch Republican, and is a member of King Brothers Post, No. 288, G. A. R., of Liberty. He is also a member of Guyon Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M., of Seneca Falls, New York.

CHARLES F. HEYLER was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1862, was reared in his native township, and received a common school education. His father was a butcher, and Charles F. assisted him in that business for twelve years. In 1887 he went to Towanda, Bradford county, where he learned the tailor's trade, which business he worked at in that place for seven years. In 1894 he returned to Liberty, and has since devoted his attention to his trade in that borough. In politics, Mr. Heyler is a stanch Republican, and in religion, a member of the Evangelical Protestant church. He is also connected with Washington Camp, No. 628, P. O. S. of A., of Liberty.

SAMUEL LOUDENSLAGER was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, there grew to manhood, and spent his entire life in his native State. He married Mary Kevel, to which union were born fourteen children, two of whom died in infancy. The living are as follows: Henry, George, Adaline, who married John Shugar; Ellis, Wesley, Oscar, Clarence, Elmer, Daniel, Alice, Emma and Cora. Mr. Loudenslager resided on his farm in Liberty township up to his death, in 1888. His widow is living on the old homestead.

BENJAMIN IRVIN was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, a son of David and Mary (Sechler) Irvin. His father was born in the North of Ireland in 1774, came to the United States when about twenty-five years old, and located in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. He was married in that county to Mary Sechler, operated a distillery for several years, and finally removed to the far west, where he died. Benjamin was educated in the common schools, and followed the manufacture of charcoal. He married Prudence Dunbar, and reared the following children: John, of Lawrenceville; Samuel, deceased; Martha, deceased wife of Leroy Gleason; William, a resident of Big Run, Jefferson county; David, a merchant of Union township, Tioga county; Elizabeth, wife of Augustus Veil, of Jefferson county; Alexander, who died in youth; Charles, who enlisted in the Twelfth Illinois Volunteers and was killed at Fort Donelson; Emeline, who died in youth; James, who enlisted in the Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died while in the service, and Benjamin F., postmaster of Scranton, Kansas. Benjamin Irvin and family removed from Lehigh to Lycoming county in 1849-50, where they lived a few years. He then purchased a farm in Union township, Tioga county, and resided there until his death in March, 1891. In religion, he was a member of the Disciples church, and in politics, a Republican.

JOHN IRVIN was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1830, grew to manhood in Lehigh and Lycoming counties, and obtained a common school education. When twenty-one years of age he engaged as foreman in a lumber contract

on Pine creek, which position he filled for six years. He next spent three years as a charcoal contractor for an iron factory in Lycoming county. Later he opened a store in Ogdensburg, Union township, Tioga county, and operated the same until the fall of 1861. On August 27, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, in which he was commissioned second lieutenant. His brothers, Samuel, William and David, were in the same company. Mr. Irvin participated in all the engagements in which his regiment took part, was promoted to first lieutenant of Company D, and later to captain of Company B, and finally commissioned major. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and was mustered out in October, 1864, but was retained to take command of the One Hundred and Sixth Battalion. After three months he was discharged by a general order, affecting all officers who had served three years. Returning to Tioga county, he resumed merchandising at Ogdensburg, where he also built and operated a steam saw-mill until the fall of 1891, when he was elected sheriff of Tioga county, a position he filled for three years. He then located in Lawrenceville, where he has since lived. On January 1, 1855, Mr. Irvin was married to Betsey A. Barker, a daughter of Ambrose and Mary Barker, of Union township. Five children were born to this marriage, viz: Martha, deceased wife of V. W. Sheffer; Mary, wife of Henry Veil, of Williamsport; Emma, who died in infancy; Myrtie, wife of Curtis Treat, of Elmira, and Minnie, wife of Eli Roberts, of Lawrence township. Mrs. Irvin died in Lawrenceville, December 6, 1896, a consistent member of the Church of Christ. Mr. Irvin is a member of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the K. of P., and is also connected with the Union Veteran Legion and the G. A. R. In politics, he is a Republican, and has always taken an active interest in public affairs.

JOHN GREEN was one of the lumber operators in this section of Pennsylvania forty years ago. He was a native of Westchester county, New York, born in 1785, a son of Isaiah and Elizabeth (Furman) Green, natives of the same State. His father was a farmer near the famous "Sleepy Hollow," in Westchester county, and reared a family of seven children, viz: William, John, Fannie, Amy, Rhoda, Jacob and Samuel. The subject of this sketch received a good education, and subsequently secured a position as clerk in a wholesale house in New York City. After a short time he became proprietor of a large store in that city, which he afterward sold and opened stores at New Bedford, Massachusetts, and Poughkeepsie, New York, where he carried on business successfully up to 1836. In that year he sold his business interests and purchased a farm near Poughkeepsie, on which he lived five years. In 1841 he disposed of this property and came to Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He had purchased 20,000 acres of timber lands in Lycoming county in 1828, 15,000 of which he had sold prior to his settlement in Williamsport. He was the incorporator of and a large stockholder in the Red Run Coal Company at Roaring Branch, and also owned and operated a saw-mill at that point. He finally removed from Williamsport to Roaring Branch, where the remaining years of his life were passed. Mr. Green married Eliza Shearman, a daughter of David Shearman, who bore him a family of nine children, as follows: Ann and Elizabeth, both of whom died in youth; David, a prominent surveyor and later in the employ of the United States treasury department, who died in 1878; Mary, who lives with her brother, Charles S.; John R., who died in childhood; Charles S., a resident of Roaring Branch;

John B., who lives in the same village; Montgomery, deceased; Hannah T., who makes her home with Charles S., and Henry C., superintendent of the lumber department of the Red Run Coal Company, at Ralston. Mr. Green died at Roaring Branch, in December, 1866, and his wife in Williamsport, in March, 1861.

CHARLES S. GREEN is the second oldest living child of John and Eliza Green, and one of the prominent and successful lumber dealers in northern Pennsylvania. He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, July 6, 1829, there attended the public schools in boyhood, and completed his education at what is now Dickinson Seminary, in Williamsport, then a private school for boys. Soon after leaving school he began clerking in a drug store in Williamsport, going one year later to New York City, where for two years he continued the same occupation. Removing to New Bedford, Massachusetts, he clerked in a book store for eleven years, thus obtaining a thorough knowledge of the mercantile business. In June, 1855, he came to Roaring Branch, where he erected a mill for the manufacture of shingles, barrel staves and heading, and two years later opened a general store, which he carried on up to 1883. In 1891 he re-opened the Red Run Coal Company's mines, at Ralston, of which he is general manager, and where the company also carry on an extensive lumber business. Soon afterwards the Ralston Brick Company was organized for the manufacture of dry pressed brick from clay found in the Red Run mines, in which Mr. Green is largely interested and treasurer of the company. His lumber business at Roaring Branch consists in the manufacture and sale of all kinds of hemlock and hard wood lumber. In 1871 he built his handsome residence on the hill overlooking the beautiful valley of Roaring Branch, and it is a model of comfort and convenience. The family are members of the Society of Friends, and in politics, Mr. Green is a Republican. He is one of the wealthy and substantial citizens of Tioga county, in which he has lived for more than forty years.

GEORGE E. TRIPP was born in Washington county, New York, July 12, 1825, obtained a common school education, and subsequently engaged in farming and lumbering. On February 11, 1855, he married Mahala Austin, of New York state, who bore him one daughter, Alice, now the wife of William Dann, of Ogdensburg, Tioga county. Mr. Tripp came to Tioga county in 1858, and in 1861 enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers. At the end of one year he was discharged on account of disability, but in 1864 he again enlisted, this time in Company G, Two Hundred and Third Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was wounded at Fort Fisher and sent to Mercy Hospital, in New York City, where he remained for one year, and was finally discharged in May, 1865. He has never fully recovered from the effects of the wound, being almost as helpless as a child, but is still proud of the fact that it was received while fighting for his country. In politics, he is a stanch Republican, and in religion, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Tripp is also connected with Ingram Post, No. 91, G. A. R., of Canton.

MORRIS TOWNSHIP.

ENOCH BLACKWELL, SR., was born and reared in Haven Parish, Gloucestershire, England. In 1805 he came to the United States as one of a colony of settlers organized by Rev. John Hey, of Philadelphia, for the purpose of settling on certain lands in Pine township, Lycoming county, the lands located upon being still known as

the "English Settlement." He died at Jersey Shore in 1816, while on a business trip. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Perrine, of Haven Parish, who bore him the following children: John, who came to America with his parents and died in Bradford county, Pennsylvania; William, the founder of Blackwells, Tioga county; Enoch, who died in England; Nancy, who married Henry Tomb; Sarah, who married John Gamble; Phoebe, who married Joel Shearer and settled in Rock county, Illinois, and Hannah, who became the wife of Eben Haydock, of New Jersey. Mr. Blackwell's second wife survived him and became the wife of John Campbell, a pioneer of Nelson township, Tioga county. The children of the second marriage were Enoch, afterwards a prominent citizen of Nelson, and Mary, who married Robert Campbell, of the same township.

WILLIAM BLACKWELL, second son of Enoch and Mary Blackwell, was born in Haven Parish, Gloucestershire, England, June 21, 1790. He came to the United States in 1804, preceding his parents one year. He rejoined them on their arrival at Philadelphia, and settled in Pine township, Lycoming county. In 1811 he purchased from his father 120 acres of land on Pine creek, in Tioga county, both above and below the mouth of Babb's creek, on which he located in 1817, and became the founder of the village of Blackwells. He engaged in cutting and rafting square timber down Pine creek and the Susquehanna, which business he followed many years. In 1815 he married Sarah Morrison, of Lycoming county, who became the mother of seven children, viz: Mary Ann, who married Robert Steele, of Delmar; George and Enoch, residents of Blackwells; John, deceased; William, a physician of Blackwells; James, of Morris township, and Sarah, widow of Gurdon Steele, of Delmar. Mr. Blackwell died December 6, 1859, and his wife, in January, 1881, aged eighty-six years.

ENOCH BLACKWELL, second son of William Blackwell, and grandson of Enoch Blackwell, Sr., was born at Blackwells, Tioga county, January 29, 1824. He obtained a common school education, and since arriving at manhood has been extensively engaged in lumbering, merchandising and farming. He is still in the lumber business, and pursues a busy life. Mr. Blackwell was married October 3, 1847, to Mary E. Webster, a daughter of Sylvester and Tamar Webster, of Liberty township, to which union were born the following children: Horace W., a resident of Morris township; Clara Ann, wife of William H. Walters, of Pine township, Lycoming county; Thomas, a resident of Blackwells; Addie, wife of Henry Tidd, of Pine township; Eugene and Sylvester, of Blackwells; Harriet, wife of William Plank, of Morris township, and Miles, a merchant of Morris. Mrs. Blackwell died March 23, 1894, and he was again married, June 26, 1895, to Matilda Callahan, widow of Perry Callahan, of Delmar township. Mr. Blackwell has devoted most of his life to lumbering, and has followed every department of that business, from scaler of logs to mill owner and operator. He was also engaged in merchandising at Blackwells for a number of years. Politically, a staunch Republican, he has filled various township offices, and was postmaster at Blackwells from 1862 to 1886. He is recognized as one of the representative citizens of his native county.

AUGUSTUS G. SEAMAN was born near Unadilla, Otsego county, New York, April 26, 1821, a son of William and Mary Seaman. His father was a native of England and his mother of Connecticut, and pioneer settlers of Otsego county.

Their children were named as follows: Benjamin S., deceased; Mary Ann, deceased wife of William Baisley; Mrs. Sarah Davis, deceased; William, who resides in Otsego county; Augustus G., of Morris township; Serena M., deceased wife of Joseph Hopkins; Marietta, wife of Edward Bowen; James, a resident of Chenango county, New York; Catherine L., wife of Francis Walker; Cyrus, a resident of Unadilla, and Adeline, wife of Edward Granger. The parents died on the homestead in Otsego county, the father at the age of seventy-seven, and the mother at the age of sixty-six. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county and came to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1844, settling on fifty acres of land in Morris township, near the Lycoming county line, to which he has since added a tract of fifty acres. He has devoted his attention to farming and lumbering. On December 24, 1846, he married Louisa Childs, a daughter of Richard and Margaret Childs, and has one son, William W. In politics, Mr. Seaman is a Republican, and has filled the offices of supervisor, collector and school director in Morris township. He is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Morris and one of its oldest living residents.

WILLIAM W. SEAMAN, only child of Augustus G. and Louisa Seaman, was born on the homestead farm in Morris township, Tioga county, April 9, 1848. He attended the common schools of his district and devoted himself to farming and lumbering until 1880, when he engaged in exploring for coal in Clearfield, Jefferson and Centre counties, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, achieving marked success and earning a well-deserved reputation in that line. Mr. Seaman also purchased the option on 60,000 acres of coal lands near Clearfield, and later associated with him Hon. William A. Wallace, of Clearfield, and Hon. S. R. Peale, of Lock Haven, and they organized the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company, which owned 35,000 acres of land and had a capital stock of \$5,000,000, upon which at present the Beech Creek and New York Central railroads carry on their soft coal operations, in Clearfield and Centre counties. In 1895 he returned to his farm in Morris township and has since been engaged in farming and lumbering. Mr. Seaman was married September 17, 1863, to Annie Irwin, a daughter of Henry Irwin. She died in 1881. In 1883 he married Lillie Boyer, a daughter of Samuel and Angeline Boyer, of Centre county. To this union have been born eight children, all of whom are living, viz: Louisa, W. A., Angeline, Samuel, Florence, Lillie, Richard and Landrus. Mr. Seaman is one of the largest land owners in Tioga county, his lands lying in both Tioga and Lycoming. Much of it is covered with hemlock, pine and hard-wood timber and is very valuable. His lumbering operations are extensive and he ranks among the substantial business men and leading farmers of the county. On October 5, 1894, his fine residence, which cost \$12,000, was destroyed by fire. In the summer of 1896 he erected his present residence at a cost of \$14,000. In politics, Mr. Seaman is a Republican, and in 1896 was one of the conferees of Tioga county that met at Williamsport and nominated Hon. Horace B. Packer for Congress. He has also filled the offices of school director, supervisor and justice of the peace, and is a citizen of commendable enterprise and public spirit.

SYLVESTER WEBSTER was born at Athens, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1804, a son of Aaron and Mary Elizabeth (Campbell) Webster. His parents removed from Bradford county to the Cowanesque valley, Tioga county, a few years

after his birth, where his father operated a tannery until his death, in 1812. Aaron Webster was the father of three children, viz: Maria, who married William Emmick; Lyman, who settled in one of the western States, and Sylvester. His widow married William Babb, a son of Samson Babb, the pioneer settler of Morris township. The subject of this sketch learned the carpenter's trade and became a miller. He erected a saw-mill and a grist-mill at Nauvoo, Tioga county, for Jeremiah Black at an early day. In 1824 he married Tamar Emmick, to whom were born six children, viz: J. E., of Morris township; Mary Elizabeth, deceased wife of Enoch Blackwell, of Blackwells; Lydia Jane, deceased wife of George Clark, of Brown township, Lycoming county; Armita, wife of James Morrison, of Cedar Run; Harriet, deceased wife of Bethuel Diggen, of Muncy, and Anna. Mr. Webster died September 22, 1889, and his wife, July 23, 1840.

J. E. WEBSTER, eldest son of Sylvester and Tamar Webster, was born in Liberty township, Tioga county, September 9, 1827, and was reared upon a farm. In 1860 he removed to Morris, residing there until 1871, when he located on his present farm in Morris township. July 4, 1850, he married Alsina Steele, a daughter of James and Hannah Steele, to which union have been reared the following children: William J., deceased; Walter, a resident of Morris; Martha, wife of William O'Connor, of Wellsboro; Orrin, a resident of Potter county; Daniel, of Morris; Robert, who lives in West Virginia; Homer G., a resident of Morris township; Sylvester J. and Lowell E., both residing in Potter county. Mr. Webster is a Republican, in politics; has been township supervisor during 1862-63; a school director for fifteen years; census enumerator in 1890, and is now township assessor. During the Civil War he served in Company F, Thirty-fifth Pennsylvania Militia, known as Emergency Men. In religion, he is a member of the Baptist church.

ANDREW DINNISON was born in Scotland, March 4, 1804, and grew to manhood in his native land. His wife, Mary, was born December 28, 1814. In 1849 they immigrated to Pennsylvania and settled in Jackson township, Lycoming county, where he died April 4, 1865. His wife died April 26, 1888. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, wife of James McNeil, of Saginaw county, Michigan; Jane, wife of Charles Naylor, of Lycoming county; James, of Morris township; John, who died June 11, 1888; Sarah, wife of Andrew Wylie, of Liberty township, and William, a resident of the same township.

JAMES DINNISON was born in Scotland, June 15, 1839, a son of Andrew and Mary Dinnison, and was ten years old when his parents settled in Lycoming county. He grew to manhood on the old homestead, and came to Tioga county in 1866, locating immediately west of Nauvoo, in Morris township. He became a partner with Robert Custard in the old Nelson Root saw-mill property. In 1869 he bought his partner's interest in the mill and has since carried on the enterprise alone. The mill was destroyed by fire and re-built, and was washed out by the flood of 1889, and again re-built. Since 1893 Mr. Dinnison has also operated a roller buckwheat mill and a buhr feed mill in the building formerly used as a woolen factory. Both mills are run by water power. Mr. Dinnison was married November 7, 1871, to Harriet Plank, a daughter of John Plank, to which union have been born eight children, viz: Mary M., who died September 21, 1877; Sarah J., John F., James A., Ada Elizabeth, Adam B., who died December 15, 1895; William and Ruth. In politics,

Mr. Dinnison is a Prohibitionist, and in religion, a member of the Lutheran church. He has served as school director and township treasurer. He combines farming with his milling business, and owns and cultivates a farm of ninety-two acres in Liberty township. Honorable and upright in all his dealings, he enjoys the respect and esteem of the community.

ISAAC F. BLACK was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1835. He obtained a common school education, and also a good knowledge of book-keeping, after which, in 1856, he began clerking in Jeansville, Luzerne county. He was soon after promoted to book-keeper, and in 1860 formed a partnership with J. F. Randolph, Jr., and continued merchandising in that place. He later sold his interest and removed to Rohrsburg, Columbia county, where he engaged in the general mercantile business. In 1882 he came to Morris, Tioga county, and purchased the Black Hotel property, from William Black, and carried on that business successfully until 1893, when he rented the house to E. A. Kennedy, his son-in-law. In 1866 he married Emma E. Kleiber, who bore him one daughter, Ella, now the wife of E. A. Kennedy, of Morris. Mrs. Black died December 23, 1894. In politics, Mr. Black is a Democrat. He is Past Chancellor of Woodland Lodge, No. 375, K. of P., of Hoytville, and is also a member and financial secretary of Washington Camp, No. 624, P. O. S. of A., of the same place. He has filled the offices of school director and auditor, and is one of the best known citizens of Morris township.

THOMAS J. BIRMINGHAM, son of Thomas and Mary (Brooks) Birmingham, was born at Pine City, Chemung county, New York, February 9, 1870. His parents were natives of Ireland and came to Elmira, New York, in 1866, later removing to Pine City, where his father became a tannery employe. In 1878 he came to Tioga county, settling at Millerton, Jackson township. He afterwards became a railroad employe, and was accidentally killed at Seely Creek, New York, June 10, 1886. His wife died at Pine City, October 5, 1876. To Thomas and Mary Birmingham were born six children, viz: Patrick, a resident of Morris; Mary, wife of John Leonard, of Blossburg; Annie, wife of John McNamara, of the same place; Thomas J., of Morris; Bridget and Michael, also residing in Morris. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, and when fifteen years of age entered the store of W. W. Tate, of Morris, for whom he clerked one year. The following eight years he was in the employ of R. R. Kelts, of the same place, whom he bought out, April 1, 1896, and is now one of the leading merchants of the town. In politics, he is a Democrat, and is the present postmaster of Morris. He is a member of the Catholic church and is connected with the A. O. H. and the C. T. A. societies, being now secretary of Sacred Heart Branch of the latter organization. Though a young man, Mr. Birmingham ranks as one of the leading business men of Morris. His success in business has been due to painstaking industry; a conscientious discharge of duty from day to day; a genial and courteous bearing, and a high regard for honor and honesty in all his dealings.

R. F. ROBINSON, physician and surgeon, was born at State Road, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1862, on the old Robinson homestead, settled by his grandfather in 1802. After attending the public schools of Lycoming township until the age of fourteen, he spent two terms at the Montoursville Normal School, and in the winter of 1879-80, he engaged in teaching. The following summer he attended

the Muncy Normal, and taught during the winter seasons up to 1882, when he graduated with high honors. He next attended the Williamsport Commercial College, where he graduated, and then took a two years' course at Lock Haven Normal School, graduating from that institution and carrying off one of the highest honors. Selecting the medical profession as his chosen vocation, he began his studies under Dr. G. D. Nutt, of Williamsport. In 1886 he went to Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and graduated from that institution in 1888. After practicing for a short time in Williamsport, he accepted the position of medical attendant at the Cedar Run Tannery, Leetonia, Tioga county, which he filled three years. In 1891 he located in Morris, and the following year purchased the drug store of the late W. P. Kerr, which he has since carried on successfully in connection with his professional duties. Dr. Robinson is a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society, and has built up a large and lucrative practice in his present field of labor.

PETER KLINE, proprietor of livery stables in Morris, was born in Sullivan county, New York, October 8, 1863, a son of John and Kate (Hayne) Kline. His father came from Germany, to Sullivan county, New York, in 1853, where he met and married Kate Hayne, who bore him a family of eleven children, eight of whom are living, viz: John and Jacob, both residents of Sullivan county, New York; Peter, of Morris, Tioga county; Barbara, wife of Jacob Wingert; Katie, Michael, Lizzie, wife of Conrad Metzgar, and Bertha. The subject of this sketch worked on his father's farm up to 1883, in which year he came to Tioga county, where he followed lumbering and jobbing until April 1, 1896. He then erected a livery barn in Morris, stocked it with new rigs and good horses, and has since carried on the business. Mr. Kline was married March 10, 1890, to Kate Walter, of Sullivan county, New York, to whom has been born three children, viz: Harry, Lizzie and Ralph Albert. In politics, Mr. Kline is a Democrat, and in religion a member of the German Presbyterian church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also connected with Hoytville Lodge, No. 665, I. O. O. F.

E. L. KINGSBURY was born at Lake Como, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1853, a son of William and Mahala (Woodmansie) Kingsbury. His parents were natives of the same county, his father being employed for a number of years as foreman of the woods at Lake Como tannery. His mother died in 1869, and his father married for his second wife Samantha Stanton, and is still living at Lake Como. The subject of this sketch worked at the tannery at that place, where he filled the position of weighmaster four years. In July, 1884, he removed to Hoytville, Tioga county, where he found employment at the Brunswick Tannery, and has since filled the position of outside foreman and weighmaster. In 1874 Mr. Kingsbury married Carmith Sherwood, a daughter of Amos O. and Lucinda Sherwood, of Wayne county. She died on October 15, 1890, leaving six children, viz: Cora, Grace L., William S., Elwyn, Charles H. and Basil. On October 20, 1892, he married for his second wife Grace Mitchell, who has one child, Lyle. Mr. Kingsbury is a Republican, and has served three terms as supervisor of Morris township. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. O. T. M. societies. Since coming to Hoytville, Mr. Kingsbury has discharged the duties of his responsible position in a satisfactory manner.

G. W. DARBY was born in Greene county, New York, May 14, 1839, there grew

to maturity, and in 1857 removed to Wayne county, Pennsylvania, where he worked in a tannery for twelve years. Returning to Sullivan county, New York, in 1869, he worked in a tannery there seven years, and two years in the same business in Lewis county. In 1878 he came to Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, and worked for the Hoyt Brothers, and in 1892 came to Hoytville to accept a responsible position in the tannery at that place, where he is still employed. Mr. Darby has been twice married. His first wife was Melissa C. Horton, of Mt. Pleasant, who bore him nine children, as follows: Delbert H., of Hoytville; Samuel, of the same place; Clarissa, wife of Walter Hoffman, of Sullivan county; Edgar, Fred, Nettie and John, both deceased; Mittie and Florence. Mrs. Darby died October 20, 1889, and in December, 1892, Mr. Darby married Ida Moyer, of Watsontown, Pennsylvania. In politics, he is a Republican.

DELBERT H. DARBY was born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1862. After leaving school he clerked in Hillsgrove, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, for three years. He afterwards learned the tanner's trade, and in 1885 went to Petoskey, Michigan, to take charge of a tannery at that place. In 1887 he came to Hoytville, Tioga county, where he has since filled a responsible position in the Hoytville tannery. In 1883 Mr. Darby married Ella A. Connelly, of Hillsgrove, who bore him one daughter, Della H. Mrs. Darby died on April 23, 1887, and in March, 1889, he married Stella J. Field, of Wellsboro. In politics, Mr. Darby is a Republican. He is a Past Grand of Hoytville Lodge, No. 665, I. O. O. F., and Past Commander of Morris Tent, No. 215, K. O. T. M.

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